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EUROPE.

Reticence of Bismarck and Favre as to Terms of Peace.

Capacity of France to Pay the Indemnity Discussed.

M. Thiers Opposes the German Entry Into Paris.

No Points to the Responsibility They Incur.

Legality of the Election of the Orleans Princes.

Passage of the Ecclesiastical Titles Bill in England.

THE WRACK NEGOCIATIONS.

[illegible] News at Bordeaux on Paris—Currency in Use by the Assembly—Thiers and Favre at Versailles—Moral Support of the New Government—The Armistice.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 23.—No dispatch in regard to the negotiations for peace has yet been received from President THIERS.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Nothing positive is known as to the conditions of peace. Figures vary, however, that they are conciliatory.

MM. THIERS and FAVRE are at Versailles, today.

The Moniteur of Versailles says the war indemnity demanded by Germany is two milliards of thalers, and it justifies the demand, recalling the example of America, and adds that France will soon recover from her present condition, provided she abandon useless wars.

The Patrie, of today, says that Count VON BISMARCK has communicated the conditions of peace to the Cabinets of Vienna, London and St. Petersburg.

A financial journal says it is materially impossible for France to pay an indemnity of 6,000,000 francs, or half that amount.

The Gaulois says that Lord LYONS, the British Ambassador, and Chevalier NIGRA, the Italian Minister, will soon go to Paris, in order to afford M. THIERS the moral support of their Governments in the peace negotiations.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 23.—The Moniteur, of Bordeaux, announces that the armistice has been prolonged until the 26th inst., at midnight. It denies the reports which have been current respecting the Prussian demands, and says that Count BISMARCK and M. THIERS maintain absolute silence at present.

Preparations to Leave When Peace is Settled—The Emperor to Go First—A Guard of Honor—Ceremonies on Embarking on Steamer for Hamburg.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—The *Prussian Gross Gazette* says the Emperor WILLIAM will return to Berlin as soon as the preliminaries of peace are settled, and BISMARCK, MOLTKE and ROON will follow at a later day.

A dispatch from Dieppe, 23d, says that the Eighth German Corps belonging to Gen. MANTEUFFEL's army, and composed of Mecklenburgers, is arriving there, and if peace is signed, will embark for Hamburg direct.

PARIS.

The Threatened German Entry to the City—Thiers' Remonstrance—Most Wrecks—Provisions Down—Mortgages—Rents at Thiers' Request.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Information has been received from Versailles that it is determined that a portion of the German Army shall march through Paris on their return home. M. THIERS continues vigorously to oppose this, warning the Germans of the responsibility they will incur. A placard was posted on Monday in the students' quarter appealing to the inhabitants to make a last struggle should the Prussians enter the city.

M. LEON SAY will probably be appointed Prefect of the Seine.

Owing to fraudulent abuses, sales of coal are only allowed after inspection.

Provisions have fallen to the ordinary prices.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Communication by all the railways leading to Paris has been established.

The Paris Moniteur says that Gen. TROCHU has resigned, at the request of M. THIERS, and returned to private life.

The disturbances at Nice have been suppressed.

AFFAIRS AT BORDEAUX.

The Orleans Princes' Situation—Minister Picard.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 23.—Minister PICARD has arrived here. HENRI ROCHEFORT has gone to Paris.

The Prince DE JOINVILLE and the Duke D'AUMALE have written to M. GREVY, stating that they deferentially await the decision of the Assembly on the legality of their elections, before presenting themselves to take their seats in the Chambers.

MISCELLANEOUS WAR NEWS.

Streets of Arras Filled with Water—German Exactions in Oise.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—A dispatch from Arras, 22d, says the streets around that city have been filled with water for its defence.

The Germans demand the immediate payment of 2,000,000 of francs by the Departments of the Oise, and accord a delay in the payment of the remaining 3,000,000 of the contribution.

Free Transportation of Provisions for the French Sufferers.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—The Canada and Amboy and Pennsylvania Railroad Companies have offered to convey, free of charge, the provisions intended for the suffering French.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

Indian Finances in the British House of Commons—Passage of the University Tests Bill—The Defeated in the House of Lords.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—In the House of Commons, to-night, Mr. GLADSTONE moved the appointment of a Select Committee of Inquiry on Indian Finances. The motion gave rise to an animated debate. Mr. GLADSTONE urged a joint inquiry by both Houses. The motion was agreed to.

The University Tests bill passed.

The bill leveled against Catholics assuming ecclesiastical titles passed its second reading by a majority of 68.

The House of Lords, today, passed the bill granting an annuity to the Princess LOUISE.

Lord CARNARVON announced measures for the national defense, and argued the necessity for early preparation, in view of the astonishing rapidity of the Prussian campaign in France.

Lord NORTHBROOK defended the administration of the War Office.

The Duke of CAMBRIDGE also made a speech in defense of the War Office. He approved of a large increase in the artillery and cavalry arms of the service.

The Earl of RICHMOND sustained the practice of procuring commissions in the army by purchase.

Earl GREY having censured the military policy of the Government, a call for papers was voted.

A Committee on the Admiralty was appointed.

Wreck of a Petroleum Ship on the Dutch Coast.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The ship *City of Niagara*, Capt. DUNN, which sailed from Philadelphia Jan. 19, for Hamburg, with a cargo of petroleum, went ashore on Vlie Flats, off the Dutch coast. The vessel is a total loss. Of the cargo 1,000 casks have been saved.

RELIEF FOR FRANCE.

Supplies Purchased for the Sufferers in France—The Store-Ship Supply Loading Today—Provisions Already Purchased—A Member of the New-York Committee to Superintend the Distribution in Havre—Appeal for Donations of Seed.

Yesterday Lieut.-Commander GEORGE DEWEY, commanding the United States store-ship *Supply*, informally notified Mr. CHARLES H. MARSHALL, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, organized for the relief of the suffering inhabitants of France, that the *Supply* was ready for the reception of her cargo. The Committee at once took the necessary action in the premises, in order to dispatch provisions to France at the very earliest possible moment. One thousand barrels of extra flour were purchased on account of the San Francisco Aid Committee, which had placed funds in the hands of the New-York Committee, and requested it to purchase flour, &c., and send to France by the first available conveyance. In addition to the flour purchased on account of the San Francisco donors, a second parcel of one thousand barrels was bought by the New-York Committee on its own account. Besides this four hundred and fifty barrels of prime beef were purchased, which will be stored away in the lower hold of the *Supply* to give her additional stiffness while under sail. Twelve hundred cases of preserved meats, the gift of Messrs. KENT, DAY & CO., will be sent in the *Supply*. Twenty barrels of Rum, and seed, donated by the Shakers, also go on the ship. Other provisions will be promptly purchased in order to complete the cargo of the *Supply*, at the earliest possible moment. They will probably consist of flour and beef. The provisions purchased on account of the San Francisco donors will be labelled "Gift of the City of San Francisco."

Today the Committee will commence to load the *Supply*. The provisions will be taken alongside the vessel, which lies at the Brooklyn Navy-yard, on lighters, which are furnished free of expense by McCREADY & CO. and COSCHIN & CO.

If nothing occurs to delay the sailing of the *Supply*, she should be fairly at sea by the middle of next week, en route for Havre. As the prevailing winds at this time are from the eastward, the *Supply*, which is an excellent sea-boat, and a good sailer, ought to land her cargo in twenty-five days from New-York.

One of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will be selected at a meeting to be held today, to proceed by next Wednesday's steamer to France, to superintend the distribution of supplies already sent from London, and those to follow from this country.

This representative of the Committee will put himself in communication with the various French Relief Committees, and will, after ascertaining what localities are in the most pressing need, order a proper division of the stores. It is understood that most of the supplies from this country will be distributed in the agricultural districts in the northern provinces of France, which have suffered terribly from the war, and where destitution and want are felt in every walk of life, from the highest to the very lowest. The supplies forwarded from New-England by the United States frigate *Worcester*, from Boston, are to be sent to the same destination, as it is deemed likely that provisions from England will be sent to Paris to relieve present sufferings there.

Urgent appeals have been made by the Committee to the farmers of the country to donate wheat and other seed for the benefit of the agricultural classes of France, who have been entirely stripped of their stores of grain, so that they have nothing left to sow for crops for the coming Autumn. The Committee is ready to pay transportation for quantities of grain above 100 bushels, and if the farmers will give only a little from their abundant stores, and collect their donations at the nearest railroad station, the New-York Committee will see to it that the seeds are safely delivered into the hands of the farmers of France, who know not where to turn for means to raise crops for the present year. As the farmers of Northern France begin to sow in April, it is necessary, if the aid sent is to be effective, that it should be promptly collected and shipped from this or other ports in the United States. The Committee is in great hopes of being able to dispatch the United States store-ship *Relief* within two weeks with seed alone.

Will the farmers of New-York and of the West promptly aid them with their liberal contributions of wheat, rye and oats? Every day's delay will cripple the Committee in attaining its benevolent purpose.

Mr. CHARLES LANIER, Treasurer of the fund for the relief of the suffering population of France, acknowledges the receipt of the following additional subscriptions to Feb. 21: Plymouth Church, (through Rev. Henry Ward Beecher,) $2,011 12; J. H. Gantier, $200; J. N. A. Griswold, $200; Gerrit Smith, $100; Mackay & Phillips, $100; Mrs. Drake Mills, $100; Dr. E. Meaders & Co., $100; Jacob Russell, $10; Arthur Gillender & Co., $100; Dohan, Carroll & Co., $100; H. W. Hunt & Co., $100; Taurman, Kinckler & Co., $100; George A. Hearn, $100; Porter, Day & Co., $100; D. A. Van Horne & Co., $50; Ludlow Thomas, $50; Mrs. Ball, Sr., $50; E. W. Lyon's School, N. Y., $50; Palmer & Scoville, $50; D. & A. Bourime, $50; Bunzl & Dorenteger, $50; H. Schuhardt & Co., $50; Stratton, Schmidt & Co., $50; "Lucre," $25; Maddux Bros., $25; D. Hirsch & Co., $25; J. R. Cohen, $25; R. Ferry, Jr., $25; Schroeder & Son, $25; J. Littlejohn & Co., $25; E. Roosevelt & Co., $25; Jos. Mayer & Son, $20; M. Langenbach & Bro., $10; J. L. Gossert & Bro., $10; Levy & Newman, $10; Stub & Twist, $10; cash, $10; Williamsport, Ind., $5; S. Miller, Chemung Forks, $5; G. M. Stevens, $1; cash, $1; Fellows & Co., $50; E. F. Holbrook & Bro., $50; Geo. W. Ellis, Davenport, Iowa, $25; Wm. Schaus, $20; W. C. Squire, $100; Joseph Hall, $50. Total amount received by the Chamber of Commerce Committee, $90,520 44; by Produce Exchange Committee, $15,045. Grand total, $105,575 44.

The Poisoning Case in East Windsor, Conn.—The Suspected Woman Bound Over for Trial.

HARTFORD, Feb. 23.—Mrs. ANN STYLES, who was arrested on suspicion of being the person who sent the boxes of candy containing arsenic by mail to two families in East Windsor, was examined before EDMUND WATSON, Justice of the Peace, in that town, yesterday. The testimony of LESTER DEWEY, the husband of Mrs. SARAH M. DEWEY, who was most dangerously poisoned, and of the physicians and others, including the Postmasters who received and delivered the boxes, was heard, and she was bound over for trial in the sum of $2,000. She will be brought before the Superior Court, which convenes on the second Tuesday in March. Mrs. STYLES is a tall, fair-looking lady, about forty years of age, whom one would scarcely suspect to be a criminal. She had no counsel at the examination, but made a statement, not under oath, that a week ago Monday a gentleman came to her back door and gave her the packages and a letter, requesting that she should mail them. She thought it strange, but found a note inside saying that the reason of the request would be known hereafter. She made other statements which were somewhat confused; saying that she could not think what it meant, and had no reason for doing anything of the kind herself; that she had no poison of any kind, and never had. She repeatedly remarked that she "wondered at it," and asserted that there was a $5 bill in the bundle of packages to pay the postage on them. While the Justice was speaking, too, Mrs. STYLES interrupted and spoke at random, again asserting that she was not guilty of this charge; that there could be no reason for her doing so. Mr. DEWEY, in his testimony, said it was understood that there was hard feelings on Mr. STYLES' part toward his wife.

ITALIAN UNITY.

Meeting to Congratulate Italy in Boston—Speeches by Prominent Musicians.

BOSTON, Feb. 22.—Music Hall was partially filled this evening with an assemblage desirous of congratulating Italy on the success of the recent movement for union. Ex-Gov. WASHBURN presided, and the name of Gov. CLAFLIN headed the list of 100 Vice-Presidents, gentlemen of prominent public and private stations. Rev. Dr. WEMS offered a prayer. The President, on taking the chair, requested that it was his privilege to announce that the purpose of the meeting was to extend the congratulations of the people of Boston and its vicinity to the friends of progress and free opinion everywhere, that Italy, so illustrious in history, so dear to the heart of every scholar, is again united in the bonds of a common nationality. American hearts were gladdened with the sight of a people holding a share in the Government under which they live, and with one home, one country, a nation born, to contrast to a picture of down-trodden, divided States and Provinces. She had thus given an earnest of man's equality before God.

Rev. Dr. MINOR offered resolutions expressive of hearty rejoicing in whatever tended to disenthrall the human mind from the needless dominion of the sovereignty of the Pope, asserting that the assumption of infallibility in moral and religious affairs logically made necessary the claim of Papal sovereignty in secular affairs, and saying birth to the whole family of tyrannies, commissioning Italy to be free in church and State, her union and popular education, her patriotism and enterprise, also VICTOR EMMANUEL, and the nation that she is again taking a place among the great nations of the earth.

Rev. F. H. HEDGE, D. D., of Brookline, said this was an age of political revivals. Greece had recently and Rome had undergone transformation since the century began, and it was fitting that America should tender congratulations as the country of COLUMBUS and AMERIGO VESPUCCI. The world was indebted to Italy for impulse and guidance in almost every province of life. Italy was the cradle of the Roman Empire, the old civilization and the pioneer of the new. It was she who first awoke from the long sleep of the dark ages, and opened her windows wide to the light of the day which dawned with the thirteenth century. Her commerce was on the ocean before Britannia ruled the wave, and when Holland was a marshy shore, her commerce in India was large. Before a Portuguese vessel doubled the Cape of Good Hope, Italian influence, if literature was in former times what the German is Florence was now. Take from SHAKESPEARE and MILTON their Italian surroundings, and what would be left? The Italian mind combined the sobriety of the English, the idealism of the German and the clearness of the French, and Italy was now the freest of those nationalities. He did not see that the title of the Government of the Italian States differed much from that of Queen Victoria. Italy, the home of France, all such claims rest on sufferance, not a question of religion, but of political equity. The Roman Church existed without temporal power for nearly a thousand years, and the deprivation of it now could not be fatal to her so long as she retained the faith of her disciples to such an extent as to make them obedient to secular authority. Rome, the home of the Roman Church, the speaker hoped that Italy would prosper in her new career.

Letters were read by the Secretary, A. B. RUE, from Vice-President COLFAX, Senator POMEROY, of Kansas; President STEARNS, of Amherst College; John F. Whittier, Chickering, of New-York; Mr. Bellew, of the Boston Pilot, and Rev. E. Hale, indorsing the object of the meeting.

Rev. JOS. FREEMAN CLARKE, D. D., pictured Rome while the great change was taking place, the rank of science, students, literateurs, artists, returned exiles, old and young, the Roman soldiers of EMANUEL's army, the laborers, the citizens of Leonine City all joined the triumphal procession to vote for the union of Rome with Italy. He was not present to find fault with his Roman Catholic fellow-citizens, he rejoiced that they were here to enjoy their religion undisturbed, but he did not like to have them misrepresent the American sentiment in denouncing the dethronement of the Pope. As an American, he did not believe in an ecclesiastical government of the people, but a government of the people by the people. Italy had regained her independence, and could now go forward with the great work of civilization which had been admired by all intelligent minds. America and Italy would join hands to go forth on the great march of freedom.

Mr. EDWIN WHIPPLE said it was impossible that Americans of whatever creed could hesitate to bid "God-speed" to United Italy under a beneficent sovereign, and that any drop of American blood should unite with free and degenerated Italy. If he felt the passionate dislike to Romanism which filled many Protestant breasts he should regret the dethronement of the Pope. As it was, he believed that act of deprivation of his temporal sovereignty would tend to increase his spiritual, then diminish his spiritual power—the only influence Protestantism had reason to deride. The Pope's inability to govern a few millions of Italians temporarily had been used as a strong argument against the Roman Church. The almost uniform success of that Church was the reason for its existence. He had shown the world its ability to deal with the mind of the savage as well as that of the savant, and had made religion visible and palpable in spiritualizing the senses. She had been instrumental in producing every variety of human genius and character. The speaker believed that every religion had been injured so far as it had attempted to govern States as well as direct souls. The temporal sovereignty of the Pope had long been the scandal of political science. The virtues of the priests were victims of the abominations in secular States. The assertion was as true of CALVIN or LOYOLA as of Pope or Cardinal. He could not conceive why the Roman Catholics of the United States should object to the Roman Catholic Italians taking possession of what was their own. The revolution was not in favor of Protestant doctrine, but of constitutional liberty.

EDWARD EVERETT referred to the freedom of the citizen established in Italy by the revolution, and was glad that the sentiment that was gaining ground in Europe recognized the right of every man to work out his salvation in his own way, so long as he did not interfere with the rights of his neighbors.

Rev. PHILLIPS BROOKS said that unity and liberty belonged together in the American idea, and were the standard by which Americans judged sister nations. He thought that we could recognize Italy with propriety and honesty.

The resolutions were adopted, and a hymn written for the occasion by JULIA WARD HOWE was circulated in the halls.

Meeting in Buffalo—Friends of the Pope Present.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 23.—In response to a call of the American Protestant Association, a large meeting was held in St. James' Hall, tonight, to congratulate VICTOR EMMANUEL on the completion of the unity of the Italian nation. A large portion of the audience was composed of friends of the Pope, who attended from curiosity. The meeting was addressed by several clergymen of the city, and resolutions were adopted in accord with the spirit of the call.

ARKANSAS.

The Search for Absentee Senators—The Supreme Court.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 23.—The *Avalanche* Little Rock special, to-night, says:

"Only nine Senators answered the roll-call this morning. Considerable discussion took place as to the propriety of employing additional assistance for the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring in the absentees. One member charged the Sergeant-at-Arms with being in the Governor's office several times without making any effort to arrest Senators who were there. After giving renewed instructions to the Sergeant-at-Arms and his assistants, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow. Nothing was done in the House.

In the Supreme Court, the testimony was closed in the quo warranto case, and counsel for the Lieutenant-Governor submitted the case without argument. Not one iota of evidence was introduced by the State to rebut the position of the defendant—he was qualified within fifteen days after his election, as required, and the case has been so clearly made out, that it is impossible to conceive how a Court, packed for the express purpose, can, upon any hypothesis, decide contrary to the evidence, and oust the Lieutenant-Governor.

Gov. CLAYTON's plan is to keep skulking Senators out of the way until the Supreme Court makes an order to oust JOHNSON, and then have them return, when he will resign his position as Governor and let the Senate elect MALLORY President, and then turn the Governor's office over to him. But even if this is done, JOHNSON would appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, and meantime claim his position as Governor and call on the Federal Government to sustain him. To-morrow will determine the future course of all parties.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—Hon. LEE CLAFLIN, father of Gov. CLAFLIN, died today at the age of seventy-nine years.

MORE RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.

Passenger Cars on the Northern Central Thrown Down an Embankment.

One Car Makes Three Revolutions—One Man Killed and Seventeen Injured—A Sleeping-Car Burned on the Pennsylvania Central.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Feb. 23.—The night express train on the Northern Central Railroad, between Baltimore and Elmira, struck a broken rail a few miles below Williamsport, Penn., about 7 o'clock this morning, and was thrown from the track down a forty-foot embankment. The engine, baggage and the first passenger-car cleared the rail in safety without leaving the track. The second and fourth passenger-cars and the third, a sleeping-car, went down the embankment. The fifth passenger-car was thrown from the track, but did not go down the embankment. The first passenger-car made three complete revolutions in going down the bank, and was a complete wreck. In this car was one man, ADAM PETRIFIER, of Milton, was killed; EDWIN M. LEMON, of Warsaw, N. Y., was badly and BENJAMIN WEEKS slightly injured. In all there were seventeen persons more or less injured. Hon. H. BOARDMAN SMITH, of this city, was a passenger in the sleeping-car, and went down the embankment, but escaped unhurt. Hon. HORACE BEERS, of Hornellsville, was in the same car, and was thrown violently backward. His face was badly cut, and he received other injuries, which are probably not severe. The car took fire from the stoves at either end, but the flames were extinguished before they did much damage. Commander F. A. ROE, United States Navy, was a passenger on the train, but he escaped without injury.

Every attention was given to the wounded at the hotel in Watsontown and at the Herdic House in Williamsport. The train which was due in this city at 10 M. did not arrive until 7 this evening.

PITTSBURG, Penn., Feb. 23.—A sleeping-car on the Pennsylvania Railroad was burned this morning near Lockport, Penn., the train having run on a broken rail. The passengers escaped unhurt.

CUBA.

Valmaseda in Havana—Watching the Marine—Earthquakes in Hayti.

HAVANA, Feb. 22.—Gen. VALMASEDA returns to Havana to-morrow. The Spanish war-steamer *Isabel Catolica*, from Port-au-Prince, arrived at Santiago de Cuba today, and reports that the *Hornet* is being watched. Shocks of earthquake were felt at Hayti on the 17th and 19th insts.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Affairs at Montevideo Improving—The Uruguayan Revolt Almost Closed.

LISBON, Feb. 22.—News from Rio Janeiro to Feb. 2 has been received by the mail steamer. The news is meagre. Affairs at Montevideo were improving. The revolutionists had been defeated and the war was nearly at an end.

CANADA.

Reorganization of the New-Brunswick Ministry—Prerogatives of the Local Parliament.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 22.—The new Government is formed as follows: G. L. HATHEWAY, Provincial Secretary; Hon. Mr. KING, Attorney-General; Hon. Mr. KELLY, Chief Commissioner of the Board of Works; Mr. STEVENSON, Surveyor-General. Messrs. CARR, COURRT and JONES are also members, but at present without office. Today the House was prorogued by the Lieutenant-Governor to meet again on the 8th of April. Considerable excitement prevails in political circles, and much mutual recrimination was indulged in by members on both sides of the House.

THE WEST.

Resignation of Thirty-Four Republican Members at the Indiana Senate—Legislation Blocked Probably.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 23.—There is much excitement here today in consequence of the resignation, this morning, of thirty-four Republican members of the House, which prevents further legislation this session. The reason assigned is the attempt of the Democratic majority to pass a bill redistricting the State, in violation of the Constitution, which provides that the State shall not be redistricted oftener than once in six years. The last redistricting was four years ago.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 23.—Lieut.-Gov. COBBLACK expresses the opinion that it takes two-thirds of all the members of each House to constitute a quorum, and will not recognize anything that the remaining members do. The Speaker of the House also gave the same opinion this morning after receiving the Governor's Message announcing the resignation of the Republican members of the House. Some of the Democratic members differ with the Speaker and advocate continuing legislation. The Appropriation bills, the Tax bill and most of the necessary legislation was disposed of before the Republican members of the House resigned. There is quite a commotion in political circles today, and a lively time anticipated to-morrow. The constitutional limit of the session expires the 6th of March, and there is not time to elect members to fill the places of those who resigned.

Further Details of the Murder of Deputy-Marshal Jenkins in New-Madrid, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—It appears that Capt. JENKINS, Deputy United States Marshal, who was murdered at New-Madrid last week, was not killed in the sitting-room of the hotel, but was shot while standing in the doorway of the office of TICKELLE' warehouse, in which building he and a friend had a sleeping-room. The shot received was a charge of buckshot, which almost completely severed JENKINS' left arm, but notwithstanding the rapid flow of blood from the severed arteries, JENKINS pursued the assassin, and fired several shots at him from a revolver, but without effect. He finally sank to the ground exhausted, and died soon after, although every effort was made to save him. LINDSEY MURDOCK, United States Collector of the Second District, and the Sheriffs of New-Madrid and Jasper Counties, have arrived, and will probably take to New-Madrid today BENJAMIN BOYCE, who was arrested here night before last, on suspicion of killing JENKINS.

Another Dissatisfied Episcopal Clergyman in Chicago—The Chicago Club.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 23.—The Chicago *Baptist Standard*, of this date, says: "We understand that another prominent Episcopal clergyman, Rev. Dr. RYLANCE, of the St. James' Church, has become so dissatisfied with Bishop WHITEHOUSE and the High Church party, that he has or will soon sever his connection with the parish, and withdraw from the diocese".... A report comes from a reliable source that the Chicago Club have purchased Crosby's Opera-house, paying therefor $300,000. The Club will maintain the present opera-house and art gallery.

WASHINGTON.

Both Houses of Congress Busy on Appropriation Bills—Other Matters Tabled and Postponed—Expected Arrival of the High Commissioners—Illustrations for the Patent Office reports—Committee on the Income Tax Question—Investigation at Southern Outrages.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Mr. DAWES again held the House up to the work on the Appropriation bills today, and is resulted in passing the Army, Fortification and the River and Harbor bills. There was much struggling by members to get items into the River and Harbor bill for the benefit of their particular localities, and various changes were made. This tendency was only stopped by a threat to lay the whole bill on the table. The Committee of Commerce, by which the bill was originated, devoted a vast amount of time to the consideration of the various items, and heard several hundred persons in advocacy of the claims of their particular localities.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The friends of the Southern Pacific Railroad bill in the Senate have agreed to ask for a Conference Committee on the House substitute. This will probably result in adopting the House bill.

A VISIT FROM D. A. WELLS.

Hon. DAVID A. WELLS, late Special Commissioner of the Revenue, arrived in the city this morning for a brief visit.

SETTLEMENT OF LAND ACCOUNTS.

The House Judiciary Committee today agreed to a resolution construing the act of March 3, 1857, which authorized the settlement of certain accounts of the States of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, which States had not received the full amount of their five per centum of the net proceeds of the sale of public lands lying within their respective limits. The effect of this construction is, that those States shall have their accounts stated, both on the public lands and reservations, and the balance found due them paid. When the earlier new States in which public lands were situated were admitted into the Union, Congress contracted to allow them five per cent., arising from the sales of those lands, on condition that the States refrained from taxing them for five years after their entry, to which condition the States gave their assent, and thereby lost four times as much as they gained by five per cent. The terms of the agreements were somewhat varied in detail, but substantially the same, except in regard to the growing liberality of Congress.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONERS.

Earl DE GREY, Prof. MONTAGU BERNARD, Lord THETWEDEN and suite are expected to arrive in this city to-morrow. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD will arrive next week, and the remaining member of the English branch of the Joint High Commission, Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, sailed from Liverpool in the *Russia* on Saturday last. All the members of the American branch of the Commission are now in the city except Judge HOAR.

THE PRESS BANQUET.

The banquet given last night by the Washington Citizens' Carnival Committee to the Press of the United States, was, in several respects, a notable affair. There were represented nearly one hundred of the leading papers of the country, including those of the cities of Boston, Manchester, Springfield, Providence, Hartford, New-York, Buffalo, Rochester, Newark, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Sunbury, Pittsburg, Erie, Baltimore, Frederick, Cincinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Sacramento, San Francisco, New-Orleans, Columbia, Savannah, Raleigh and Richmond. Not only the daily Press, but the illustrated, the religious, the sporting, the agricultural, the Sunday, and to some extent the country weekly Press was represented. The supper was served in very handsome style by Messrs. BÉRARDI, of the Arlington, and the party, numbering, all told, over one hundred, separated at a seasonable hour, after a most delightful evening.

ILLUSTRATIONS FOR PATENT OFFICE REPORTS.

Under date of Feb. 15, the Congressional printer, by the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing, advertised for bids with specimens of work, for the illustrations and drawings for the Patent Office Reports, for the new form in which they are to be issued. The bids thus advertised for were all to be presented prior to Feb. 25, there being only ten days, and practically only seven or eight for the contractors to prepare specimens and make up these proposals. There was great opposition to such haste, and many parties, desiring to bid for the work, entered formal protests. Only a very small number of lithographers could have entered into competition, and some, especially in the Eastern States, who wished to submit proposals, would only have a day or two for preparation, owing to the time taken in sending here by mail. Some lithographers in this city, and the American Photo-Lithographic Company of New-York, had all the advantage from their familiarity with the designs of Printing Committees, and the parties here, from having for some time done similar work for the office, and the New-York Company on account of its foreman having been consulted by the Chairman of the House Committee, Mr. LAFLIN, in preparing the estimates of the cost of the new process. It was not doubted by any of the parties interested, that the last-named Company would secure the contract. The Senate Committee did not favor the haste in the first instance, and after its effect became apparent, the Joint Committee ordered the advertisement withdrawn. A new advertisement will be made shortly, giving a month's notice, which will give all ample time for competition, and then if the American Photo-Lithographic Company succeed in offering the best terms there can be no complaint. The proposed change in the form of the Patent Office Reports has occasioned not a little opposition among inventors and patent attorneys, and all others interested.

INDIAN APPROPRIATIONS.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the Indian Appropriation bill today. The amendments proposed by the Appropriation Committee, making a large reduction in the amount of the bill, and which were nearly all agreed to in Committee of the Whole, have been disagreed to by the Senate, a large majority of a rather thin Senate voting generally to sustain the amounts proposed to be appropriated by the House. Most of the attempts, and there were several, to increase the appropriations beyond the provisions of the bill as it came from the House, were voted down. Nearly all the amendments and propositions making appropriations were finished at 4 o'clock. Then there followed numerous amendments, in the character of general legislation affecting the management of the Indians, and a discussion arose on the Indian policy of the country. The Senate, both in debate and in votes emphatically sustains the system organized by President GRANT, and evinces the determination to give it full and fair trial. At 6½, the Senate, on taking a yea and nay vote, found itself without a quorum. All attempts to adjourn were voted down, and after an hour and a half of discussion as to whether a minority of the Senate had the power to enforce or only to request the attendance of a majority, an order was made in the latter form. The Sergeant-at-Arms sent out his deputies on an expedition of discovery, and, at 8½, enough Senators had responded to the request for attendance to make up a quorum, and the bill was resumed. Various amendments were adopted and voted down. At 10 P. M. the Senate, to use a Hibernicism, was all through the bill but finishing.

OTHER APPROPRIATION BILLS.

The bill making appropriations for the Post-office Department will be next before the Senate. Speeches are now limited to five minutes by rule, and Mr. FORNEY's rule permitting an amendment to be laid on the table without killing the bill itself, is operating in the interest of dispatch.

A DEADLOCK ON THE INCOME TAX QUESTION.

The Committee of Conference of the two Houses of Congress on the resolution of the House denying the right of the Senate to originate the bill repealing the income tax has failed to agree, and no more meetings on the subject will be held. Some time before the end of the session the Committee, on behalf of each House, will submit a report of the failure to come to an agreement, and it is not likely that any further attempts will be made to decide the question by the appointment of a new Committee.

INVESTIGATION OF SOUTHERN OUTRAGES.

The Senate Committee investigating the condition of affairs in the Southern States is holding daily meetings, and is examining several witnesses at each meeting. The report regarding the testimony from one State only (North Carolina) will not be submitted till the last days of the present Congress. Gov. HOLDEN is expected to testify before the Committee, but if the impeachment trial continues to require his personal attention, his attendance here will not probably be enforced.

M'GARRAHAN SAID ON THE FRENCH IN THE SENATE.

The House resolution on the McGarrahan claim was laid before the Senate today by the Vice-President. Mr. WILLIAMS wanted it referred to the Judiciary Committee, but that proposition met with general opposition. Mr. TRUMBULL and Mr. WILSON both expressed the opinion that it could not be acted upon this session, and on the motion of the latter it was laid on the table. This is the second time that a resolution in favor of McGARRAHAN has passed the House and failed to receive consideration in the Senate for want of time.

FORFEIT OF THE HOMEOPATHISTS.

A delegation of homeopathic physicians called on the President today to protest against the action of the Commissioner of Pensions, VAN AMBURGH, in discriminating against the surgeons of their school of medical practice. The President referred the delegation to the Secretary of the Interior, who listened kindly to their complaint, and promised to give the subject consideration. The delegation left him with the impression that he did not approve the Commissioner's action in the matter.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations were sent to the Senate today:

ROBERT W. HEALY, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Alabama; THOMAS RUSSELL, to be Collector of Customs for the District of Boston and Charlestown, Mass.; A. S. HUNTINGTON, of New-York, to be United States Consul at Santiago, Cape Verde Islands.

LEAGUE ISLAND.

Protest of the Mayor of Philadelphia Against Its Condition—The Government Neglecting Its Obligations and to be Taken to Task by the City of Brotherly Love.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Today the Mayor of Philadelphia sent a Message to the City Councils in reference to League Island, constituting as follows:

"This very large property was purchased by the City of Philadelphia at a cost of over $600,000 for the purpose, and presented as a gift to the Federal Government, and promptly accepted by it with the distinct understanding, whether expressed or implied, still so mutually understood that steps should be taken at an early day to have the old Navy-yard, for many years a barrier to the extension of public improvements in that part of the city, disposed of, and the establishment removed to League Island, where there is a large manufacturing community and a manufacturing depot of such a character and magnitude as, in view of the proximity to the immense coal and iron deposits of our State, its facilities for obtaining not only all other materials, but also any number of skilled workmen in any department of labor, and moreover are in the largest manufacturing community in this continent, as our city is justly acknowledged to be, as would be consistent with the waste and dignity of the Government; and yet, with the exception of the Federal authority entering into possession of League Island, and storing there, year after year, a considerable number of vessels, not a single step has been taken to carry out the understanding entered into by them at the time of their acceptance of this gift. League Island, at this time, remains in precisely the same unimproved condition it was in before the ownership was vested in the General Government, with the additional circumstance that, in that, jurisdiction over the same having passed out of the State and city authorities, we are debarred from the collection of any taxes therefrom, and also from making any improvements through that place; and this too, notwithstanding the repeated efforts on the part of the Representatives in Congress, from this city and State, to procure the necessary appropriations and have the agreement that was made carried out in good faith. Therefore, it seems to me that to allow this condition of affairs to continue, without making at least some respectful protest on the part of the city authorities, would be to offer those who are charged with the direction of its affairs to the just reflection of their fellow-citizens, and I accordingly suggest to your honorable bodies the propriety of considering what steps may properly be taken on the part of the City of Philadelphia, through its constituted authorities, to procure, at the hands of Congress, that reconsideration which, if justice and right belong to existing obligations on the part of the Federal authorities in connection with the acceptance of the gift of League Island, for said purposes of a Navy-yard and naval manufacturing depot, will be granted, and the concurrent removal thereto of the old Navy-yard."

Synopsis of Weather Report for the Past Twenty-four Hours.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—11½ P. M.—The barometer has been rising on the Pacific Coast and in Nevada. The centre of low pressure has passed to the south-east over Omaha, and is now in Iowa. The pressure has diminished about one-half inch on Lake Michigan, where the storm predicted yesterday is now felt with southerly winds. Fresh south and east winds prevail on the Gulf, and light north-east winds on the Atlantic. The highest pressure has remained over Delaware Bay, moving slowly to the south-east. The weather has been fair and cloudy in the Atlantic States, with increasing south winds and falling barometer on the lower Lakes. The temperature is abnormally high on the lower Ohio and Missouri.

PROBABILITIES.

It is probable that storm area will pass into Illinois to-night, and be rapidly elongated so as to include Lake Erie, producing northerly winds and threatening weather to-morrow on the Gulf; fresh north-easterly winds, and, perhaps, light rains and snow on the entire Atlantic, with heavy storms on the lakes from south-west.

Another Suit Against the Erie Railroad.

The Troy Times of last evening says that JOHN W. THOMSON, President of the Ballston Spa National Bank, and others associated with him, have commenced another suit against the Erie Railroad Company for dividends on about $70,000 of preferred stock for the year 1870; and it adds: "This is the third suit they have commenced. The first, for dividends of 1869, was settled; that for 1869 has been sharply fought before the Supreme Court Judges in the Third and Fourth Districts, and has just been argued at General Term. This last suit has been commenced in Warren County, which will prevent its being taken out of the jurisdiction of the Judges of the Fourth District, and may give Judge ROSEBRUGH another chance to do justice to FISK, GOULD, SHERMAN & Co."

Children's Aid Society.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Your readers will be interested to know that, despite the malicious assaults in Albany on this Society and the Girls' Lodging-house, the subscriptions for purchasing a new building for the latter—the appeal for which you kindly published—have already exceeded $60,000, and will, we trust, if our friends come forward as they have done, reach the required amount, $80,000.

Yours respectfully,

G. L. BRACE, Secretary.

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fectual against a certain and overwhelming majority.

PARLIAMENT.

I have already told you of various symptoms of a growing impatience and irritation against the Government. It was expected that as soon as Parliament opened this feeling would find expression in the debate. Those who hoped so have, for the present, been altogether disappointed. Nothing could be more pacific than the opening discussions in the two Houses. The Duke of RICHMOND, the leader of the Opposition, in his House of Lords excused himself from attacking the Government, on the ground that everybody was too delighted at seeing the Queen in such flourishing health to be ill-natured. Lord SALISBURY, the real leader of the Conservatives, though on account of the personal feud between him and Mr. DISRAELI not openly in command, kicked a good deal but said nothing. Lord STANLEY, too, was silent. In the Lower House Mr. DISRAELI was also very indulgent to the Government; and made an apology to his party. He refrained from assault, he said, because it was important for the national interests that we should appear united as a nation. It was a dull speech, on the whole, with only here and there a gleam of epigrammatic brightness—as, for example, his allusions to BISMARCK'S "cynical cordiality," LOWE'S "harum-scarum budgets," and the description of our reduced defenses. "skeleton regiments, batteries without guns, and yet with more guns than gunners." In a great measures, too, it consisted of repetition—last year's snow in a dirty solution. We had over again all the old childishness about an armed neutrality, and telling France to take care of the consequences, and the Anglo-Russian guarantee of the Saxon provinces of Prussia, and the parallel between England and Venice. Surely a man, especially a man pretending to be a statesman, should have discovered in such a six months as we have just passed through that the only choice for England is either decided intervention on behalf of Germany, or a rigid neutrality. If we meant to help Germany at all, we were bound on every ground to do so at the outset. The right and wrong of the quarrel did not depend on mere military success, or the reverse. Mr. GLADSTONE was easily able to prick these wind-bags. The first part of his speech was simply a translation into hard prose of Mr. DISRAELI'S sounding phrases. In this form their absurdity was plainly seen. As to our defenses, Mr. DISRAELI also supplied a stick to beat himself with. Eight years ago, when coquetting with the Bright-Cobden Party, he came out strong against "pinched armaments." But the army was then only some three thousand less than now, reckoning men in the ranks, while some fifteen thousand weaker, if we take into account the present reserve; and Mr. DISRAELI'S own estimates in 1868, furnished only eighty-seven thousand against eighty-nine thousand in 1871. But, of course, all this does not prove that we have now such an army at, in the face of events, we need. Armed neutrality was an unhappy phrase, but the idea in Mr. DISRAELI'S mind was evidently not neutrality, but contingent belligerency—that is, sufficient armed preparation for war, and a resolute readiness to interpose under certain predetermined conditions. In truth, we want both armaments and principles of policy, but, above all, principles. Mr. GLADSTONE'S repudiation of an absolute and selfish isolation betrays the drift of the public mind, but needs definition in detail. In one respect Mr. DISRAELI'S speech seemed to me especially significant. There have been for some time rumors that, hopeless of being again Premier, he meant to cut himself loose from the dead weight of hard and dry Torydom at his back, and take up a kind of independent position, elevated above ordinary party warfare, from which he could lofitly expound his peculiar political philosophy, and descend at intervals into the arena like a Homeric deity, to cover one or other of the struggling combatants with his mantle.

Thursday's speech gave color to this story. It was remarked that he went out of the way to signalize the triumphs of free trade and religious equality, and to remind people that during the American war he held completely aloof from the violent agitation of many of his supporters in favor of the South.

On the whole, then, the first night of the session has gone well for the Government. But wait, say their opponents; this is only the lull before the storm, "the torrent's smoothness ere it dash below." There are no foreign blue-books out yet, no bills in type. The Ministers have all their cards in their hands, and we must wait till they are tabled. Of course, this is very true, but at any rate it is clear the Ministers themselves are confident enough if we may judge by their haste to accept the challenge and produce their bills. Already they have made a good beginning. Last night, the second night of the session, saw the University Tests bill introduced by Mr. GLADSTONE himself; and before the end of next week the new Army bill, the Ballot bill, and several other important measures will all be before the House of Commons. A great deal will, of course, depend on the nature of these proposals. There is a section of the Liberals very hard to please; the Conservatives are full of watchful malice under all their seeming quietude, and their strategy, from what I hear, will be to embroil the Cabinet with its more Democratic supporters. Out of doors, opinion is, as I said before, uneasy and perplexed, and ripe for an explosion of capricious anger on very small provocation.

WELCOME PEACE.

Certainly, the Government are not yet safe; but, on the other hand, the prospects of peace have already proved an immense advantage to them. Peace is longed for here, not merely for the sake of trade, though that goes for a good deal, too, but in order that we may be relieved from what, to large numbers, was a standing reproach to our courage and humanity—the spectacle of a friendly nation beaten down and hacked to pieces before our eyes while we stood helplessly looking on. How, we shall get on with Prussia after the war is hard to say; but I am afraid it will be long before the *entente cordiale* (or "ancient cordial," as our soldiers and blue jackets called it in the Crimea) between ourselves and France is restored to its former tone. I don't go by the French newspapers very much, but all the private letters I receive from France, and such conversations as I have with Frenchmen, confirm my apprehensions that our neighbors across the Channel will hate us only less than the Germans, and will be much more ready to seize every occasion to punish us for what they consider our desertion of them in their need. A good deal of disappointment is felt here at the want of gratitude for the gifts sent to Paris. Between £2,000 and £3,000 a day has been subscribed in London, and the total now amounts to some £70,000. Fifty railway wagons full of food reached Paris last Friday, and additional supplies on a similar scale have since been dispatched. The Quakers have subscribed some £50,000; and in all the large towns of the Kingdom, funds have been raised. Our Government has also placed all the resources of our commissariat at the disposal of the French, and already, though the acceptance of the offer was only received on Wednesday night, six or seven ships have been dispatched with stores for Paris. Yet for all this Paris gives hardly a grunt of thanks. M. JULES FAVRE is, no doubt, sincere in his professions of gratitude, and the *Official Journal* in common decency feels bound to say something civil; but the people at large are evidently divided between suspicion of a bribe for future favors, and self-satisfied complacency at a natural and matter-of-course testimonial to their heroism during the siege. No amount of argument could shake the conviction of the citizens that somehow or other England has a selfish object to serve; that she needs French aid against Russia or Prussia, and repents not siding with France. All I can say is, that if these English gifts have been sent for any personal ends on our part, I, for one, shall be very glad to find that they have failed to secure the expected return. But really I do believe that, so far as I can judge, these funds have been raised out of pure compassion for a suffering population, and quite apart from any political sympathies or ulterior objects. But whatever our motives, there is something intensely melancholy and disheartening in this fixed idea of the French that they are still the great object of European fear and admiration. The old vanity is still fresh in their hearts, and already the old familiar strut is resumed, with a little extra swagger to hide the bandages.

END OF FREE TRADE IN FRANCE.

One thing, I apprehend, is certain enough, and that is, that the commercial treaty and the fine free-trade policy set up by COLDEN, is doomed for the present. Spite of England and the despair of shattered industries, will, I fear, combine to re-establish protection in France, and I fear it far more for France than England. If France had only the sulight' earnest and courage to proclaim absolute free trade, she would recoup her losses in half the time. But of course there is no chance of this. It has always seemed to me that this treaty was a great mistake—not economically, of course, but politically. It was a conspiracy against the liberties of France, just as much as the *coup d'état*, and a more outrageous insult never was offered to England than the Emperor's tender of this bribe to secure our neutrality, if not connivance, in his projects of European disturbance and domestic despotism. Nothing was more certain than that the French would not, if left to themselves, have sanctioned the treaty, and it was certain that, the bulk of the people being against it, it would some day or other be annulled. It is true that if the iron-masters have groaned under it, the silk and wine trades have gained, but I have little doubt that if you polled the population there would be a vast majority against it. Only a strong Government could uphold such a treaty, and a strong Government in France is not to be looked for till many years have passed. The denunciation of this compact will doubtless revive the protectionist agitation here, and will certainly be a heavy blow for the moment to certain manufactures. It will also be another difficulty for Mr. GLADSTONE.

ANGLO-AMERICAN QUESTIONS.

The announcement of the Commission which is to go out to the United States in order to investigate our differences with you in regard to the *Alabama* question and the fisheries, has given general satisfaction to the public here, though some of the newspapers carp at it. It is hoped that an honorable settlement may thus be arrived at. The exact terms of the Commission have not yet been published, and some doubts have been raised on the subject. In the Queen's speech we are told that the Commission will "consider" the various questions at issue. Lord GRANVILLE somewhat amplified this by explaining that the object of the Commission was "not to settle, but to consider the mode in which the different questions between the Dominion and the United States should be best placed in the way of settlement." This was the original proposal as regards the fisheries dispute, and it is evident that the scope of the Commission will be the same in regard to the *Alabama* claims. I think I can confidently add one or two things to the guarded official statements on the subject. In the first place, we are extremely anxious to get these questions settled, and to avoid the possibility of a conflict with the United States. Such a conflict is regarded by all classes—by all, at least, except a small military aristocratic clique, noisy, but of no political weight—as the most terrible calamity that could befall either us or you, or the world at large, both on moral and material grounds. In the second place we feel that the present condition of the question is not consistent with our national honor and self-respect. Either we are right or we are wrong. In proposing arbitration we have admitted that we may be wrong. A nation cannot, any more than an individual, be deemed a good judge in its own cause; the liability to error is always great, and the United States might have reasonably accepted our proposal. As it was, however, you refused it and still refuse it. Hence we are thrown back on our own conscience, and during the last two or three years there has been a strong and growing conviction among us that we ought to settle the question in our own minds, one way or the other. This, I think, is the course we should have taken long ago. We should either have referred the question to some neutral and impartial sovereign or statesman, or to some commission in which we could repose confidence, and adopted the award. This is, practically, what we are now doing.

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION.

Lord DE GREY AND RIPON, the President of the English branch of the Commission, is a nobleman of high rank, great wealth and considerable political experience, and, above all, an extremely amiable and liberal-minded man. He holds a double Earldom—that of Ripon, from his father, who was once Prime Minister, and that of de Grey, from his uncle, both of which he inherited in quick succession within a few months of each other in 1859. Under his courtesy-title of Lord GODERICH he was well known in the House of Commons as a sanguine Liberal, with keen sympathies for the social elevation of the working classes, and in this sphere he made the acquaintance of Mr. THOMAS HUGHES, who is still on terms of very intimate friendship with him and for whose views he has great respect. The very narrow and even penurious allowance which he received from his father during the life-time of the latter, accustomed Lord GODERICH to very simple habits of life from which, I believe, in the midst of his riches, the accumulation of a double inheritance, he has never departed. As a lad he was for a short time an attaché in our Embassy at Brussels. Entering the House of Commons in 1852, he began official life as Under Secretary for War in 1859, passed through several other secondary posts and has since filled the high positions of Minister of War, Secretary for India and President of the Privy Council—the last of these being his present office. He is still comparatively young—forty-three—and his wife, the fair woman-companion of the Princess of Wales is one of the most charming women of the English court. Unfortunately, she does not accompany him to America, but his eldest son, Lord GODERICH, a frank young Oxonian, still at college, goes with the party. Young Mr. VYNER, who fell a victim to the Greek brigands last Spring, was Lady DE GREY'S brother. Of the other Commissioners, you know Sir E. THORNTON, SIR J. MACDONALD and Sir J. ROSE sufficiently well. Mr. MONTAGUE BERNARD, Professor of International Law at Oxford, is the author of several notable works on his special subject, among others, *A Historical Account of the Neutrality of Great Britain During the American Civil War.*

I ought to add, in reference to Mr. BERNARD, that however decided in his present views, he is of such a fair and candid temper, and so profoundly imbued with the sacredness of international obligations, that if you can convince him that he is wrong on any points, he will be the first to own it. Lord TENTERDEN, the Secretary of the Commission, is a grandson of the well-known Chief Justice ABBOTT. He was *proto* writer to Lord STANLEY at the Foreign Office, where he still holds a similar position, and Secretary to the Neutrality and Naturalization Commissions. He is thirty-six years of age, and a young man of considerable promise.

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FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 23.

APPEALS FROM THE PEOPLE AND THE REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, presented a number of memorials from citizens of Kentucky for the passage of the bill to incorporate the Cincinnati and Southern Railroad. Laid on the table.

Mr. PRATT, of Indiana, presented a joint resolution of the Indiana Legislature in favor of the removal of the Capital to the Mississippi Valley. Read and ordered to be printed and laid on the table.

Mr. CHANDLER, of Michigan, presented concurrent resolutions of the Michigan Legislature for such action as will extend the operation of the Extradition Treaty, now existing between the British and the United States Governments, so that it may include a much greater variety of offenses against the laws of both Governments than are now provided for by the Ashburton Treaty.

Mr. HOWARD, of Michigan, obtaining leave for a brief explanation, said that years ago he had called the special attention of the Secretary of State to the subject referred to in the resolutions of the Michigan Legislature, and was known to him the inconvenience arising from month to month from the fact that we had no extradition treaty by which criminals of a certain class could be brought to justice. The Secretary had promised to endeavor to secure the alteration of the treaty to meet the requirements of the people of the northern frontier. Whether he did so Mr. HOWARD could not say.

The resolutions were ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

BILLS REPORTED, &c.

Bills were reported from the several Committees as follows:

By Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, from the Finance Committee—To amend the second section of the fifty-fifth section of the Banking act of June, 1864, punishing embezzlement by bank officers of banks organized under the provisions of the Banking act of February, 1863.

By Mr. DOLE, of California, from the Committee on Appropriations—The Army Appropriation bill with amendments.

By Mr. WILLIAMS, of Oregon, from the Committee on Public Lands, with amendments—The House bill relating to the entry of public lands in the Territories of the United States, giving settlers in any Territory the benefit of the act of one hundred and six, regardless of their having had the benefit of the Preemption laws elsewhere.

By Mr. CONKLING, of New-York, from the Committee on Commerce, with amendments—The bill to provide additional commercial and postal facilities in the Port of New-York, authorizing MARSHALL O. ROBERTS, DUDLEY FIELD, JOHN A. LIVINGSTON, and others, to construct a submarine tunnel for railway purposes between New-York and Brooklyn and New-Jersey. The principal amendment provides that the plans and mode of construction of said submarine tunnel shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Also by Mr. CONKLING, from the Committee on Commerce, with amendments—The bill to facilitate commercial intercourse between the United States, Japan and the countries of Asia, incorporating THOMAS A. SCOTT, BENJAMIN BOCKLEVER, JAMES F. WILSON, R. R. VAN VALKENBURG, and others, as the Asiatic Commercial Company, for the purpose of carrying on a general mercantile and shipping business, and constructing public works in China, Japan and other Asiatic countries. The amendments make some verbal changes in the act of incorporation, and provide that the United States shall not be liable any pecuniary or foreign Power for any matter growing out of the adoption of the bill.

By Mr. SHERMAN, from the Finance Committee—A bill for the relief of distillers of brandy from grapes. Indefinitely postponed.

Also by Mr. SHERMAN—Adversely the bill to increase the internal revenue arising from lotteries and for other purposes. Also, adversely, the joint resolution of the power of the Senate to originate measures for raising revenue. Indefinitely postponed.

Also by Mr. SHERMAN—A bill to provide for completing the publication of the United States Statutes, apportioned among the several States and Territories by an act of Congress approved Aug. 4, 1861. Ordered to be printed and recommitted.

THE E'GARRAHAN CLAIM.

The House joint resolution relating to the Panoche Grande, being the McGarrahan claim, was received from the House and temporarily disposed of on motion of Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, by laying it on the table.

Messrs. WILSON and TRUMBULL, of Illinois, remarked that there was not time to dispose of the bill at the present session.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The Texas Pacific Railroad bill was also received from the House, when motions were made by Mr. SHERMAN to concur in the House amendments, and by Mr. HOWARD to nonconcur, but action was postponed until the bill be printed.

PHILADELPHIA EXPOSITION.

On motion of Mr. CAMERON, of Pennsylvania, the Senate resumed the consideration of the Philadelphia Centennial Celebration bill, which was discussed without action until after the expiration of the morning hour, notwithstanding repeated efforts of the Pennsylvania Senators, SCOTT and CAMERON, to secure a vote upon it.

Mr. CONKLING, of New-York, briefly advocated the claim of New-York as a more appropriate place for the celebration, and submitted an amendment to extend the sanction of the Government to a celebration there in conjunction with that at Philadelphia. He argued that the proper mode was to provide for the celebration at various points throughout the country.

Mr. CAMERON assured the Senate that if Government would now lend its sanction to the enterprise, which was all the bill asked, the people of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania would get up such a celebration as would be creditable to the occasion and worthy of the nation, and one of which the whole country might be proud. He gave notice of his intention to move to take up the bill in the morning hour to-morrow, and to press its consideration until disposed of.

Mr. STEWART, of Nevada, doubted whether Philadelphia could furnish the same facilities for a great Exposition that were possessed by New-York.

Mr. THURMAN, of Ohio, desired to know more of the character of the proposed International Exposition before voting upon the question.

AMENDMENT OF THE BOUNTY LAW.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, the Senate bill to amend the Bounty law was passed. It is as follows:

That all soldiers who were mustered into the service of the United States for three years, between May 4 and July 31, 1861, and who were honorably discharged before serving two years, by reason of disability contracted in the service, are entitled to receive $100 bounty.

Mr. WILSON explained that the aggregate expense, under the bill just passed, would be about $400,000, and it was designed to carry into effect a decision of the Supreme Court. He had failed in his efforts to secure action upon a similar bill, passed by the House at the last session, but which involved other matters. This measure presented the simple question of additional bounty.

CINCINNATI AND NEWPORT BRIDGE.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, moved to take up the bill to suspend the construction of the Cincinnati and Newport bridge. Not agreed to—yeas 22, nays 29.

He gave notice of his intention to renew the motion.

INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

The remainder of the session was occupied in the consideration of the Indian Appropriation bill, and the disposal of various amendments reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs. The amendments elicited protracted discussions of no special interest upon the merits and defects of the present Indian policy. A vote upon an amendment at 6½ P. M. demonstrated that a quorum was not present.

No Quorum—Compelling Attendance.

Mr. COLE, of California, Chairman of the Committee in charge of the Appropriation bills, moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to compel the attendance of members.

Mr. THURMAN, of Ohio, referring to the fact that forty Senators were absent, said this would not have occurred had the bill before the Senate been a party measure. As it involved simply the voting away of millions of money, less than half the number of Senators were present. He moved to adjourn.

An informal discussion ensued, with a view to fixing an hour at which the bill should be finally disposed of to-morrow, but no conclusion was reached.

The question then recurred upon Mr. COLE'S motion, when Mr. FRYE, of Maine, raised the question of order that it was not competent for the Senate to compel the attendance of Senators, except upon the first day of a session.

The Vice-President ruled that the Senate could only invite the attendance of absent members; saying, that while the rules might be amended so that a minority should have the power to compel the attendance of absent members, no such rule had yet been made, and the minority had always been merely to invite the attendance of Senators.

Mr. HAMLIN, of Maine, concurred as to the custom, but maintained the right of a minority to compel attendance.

Messrs. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, and CONKLING, of New-York, took similar ground, and Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, the opposite.

Mr. THURMAN said that upon the first day of the meeting of the First Congress no quorum was present, and no attempt at compulsion to secure attendance was made, but the absentees were implored to come on, which it was days and days before a quorum could be secured.

Mr. THURMAN expressed the opinion that if the Sergeant-at-Arms should undertake to arrest and bring in a Senator he would be liable to an action at law.

Mr. COLE'S motion was then stated in the form of a direction to the Sergeant-at-Arms to invite the attendance of the absent members.

Mr. SCOTT, of Pennsylvania, moved to substitute the word "enforce" for "invite."

The Vice-President, in accordance with his decision, declined to receive the motion.

Less than a quorum being incompetent to do business, no appeal could be taken from the decision of the Chair, and after further discussion Mr. COLE'S motion prevailed by yeas 28, nays 10, and the Sergeant-at-Arms was furnished with a list of the absent Senators and directed by the Vice-President to notify them that their presence was desired.

At 6½ o'clock a vote upon a motion to adjourn showed that a quorum was present.

[The conclusion of this report will be found on the fifth page.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

PETITIONS.

Mr. STRONG, of Connecticut, presented the memorial of 145 citizens of New-Jersey, praying for a law to prevent further land grants to corporations, and to preserve the public domain to actual settlers.

Mr. COBURN, of Indiana, presented a joint resolution, which was passed unanimously by the Legislature of Indiana, instructing their members of Congress to vote against appropriations for permanent improvements in the City of Washington and in favor of the removal of the capital. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BILLS PASSED.

The House passed the bill relative to the taking of depositions *de bene esse* in Courts of the United States; also, the bill for the extension of time for the completion of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior Canal; also the Senate resolution prescribing the oath to be taken by Senator elect MILLER, of Georgia.

DUTY ON COAL.

Mr. SCHUMAKER, of New-York asked leave to offer a joint resolution that on and after March 1 the duty and all specific duties shall be taken as on any other article that is free. Objection was made.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEFENSE.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill making appropriations for the construction, preservation and repair of certain fortifications and other works of defense.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, of Illinois, advocated the striking out of the appropriation for Fort Pulaski, saying that the improvements in the army and in ships-of-war render the present system of coast defenses of comparatively little avail. He hoped that very soon the expenditures for the construction of new forts like those here referred to would be stopped.

Mr. NIBLACK, of Indiana, explained the character of the bill. The Committee on Appropriations thought it was true economy to expend a little more money on a few of the most important works. The Committee had cut down the estimates of the Department fifty per cent.

Mr. FARNSWORTH replied that the policy of the Engineer Corps was to ask for twice as much as was wanted, so that the estimates being cut down fifty per cent. they would get all they wanted.

Mr. BURR, of Kentucky, remarked that the Engineer Department said they could get along with one-half of the estimates, and accordingly it was agreed to by the Committee. The appropriation of a fraction over $1,000,000 was certainly a modest sum until we had see what better defenses should be made.

Mr. FARNSWORTH acknowledged the necessity of some sort of defense, but saw no necessity for continuing the present kind of fortifications.

Mr. WELKER, of Ohio, asked why the Committee had proposed an appropriation for new sites.

Mr. NIBLACK explained that it was desirable to acquire nine or ten sites, though not for immediate use.

The clause appropriating $150,000 for this purpose was amended, on motion of Mr. BROOKS, of New-York, by the addition of a proviso that no contracts or obligations be incurred requiring future expenditures.

Mr. WELKER moved to strike out the original section, but his motion was disagreed to, and the bill was passed nearly in the shape it was originally reported.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR HARBORS, RIVERS, &c.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill making appropriations for the repair, preservation and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

Mr. HAGERT, of New-Jersey, offered an amendment appropriating $14,000 for the improvement of Shrewsbury River, in New-Jersey. He showed that New-Jersey had been neglected; having received, altogether, only $26,000, while other States with far less commerce had been lavishly provided for. The amendment was agreed to.

Various other amendments were offered and discussed, and some of them rejected, when

Mr. FORNEY, of New-York, of the Committee on Commerce, said it was a very thankless duty to oppose appeals for the relief of particular places. It was impossible for the Committee to comply with every man's wishes, and the House could not expect the bill to pass the Senate with an aggregate sum to meet all desires. The Committee had given the subject their best attention. For himself, he would confine improvements to the great harbors of commerce and navigation, but as no bill could be carried without a general distribution, the Committee had made the best practicable allotment for every man's district.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, remarked that the bill had come from the Committee on Commerce to the Committee on Appropriations. In reviewing it, and while desiring to make some changes, yet they saw at once, if the House did not put confidence in the Committee on Commerce, it would be utterly impossible to perfect the bill. If the House should make a considerable innovation on the report of the Committee on Commerce, the result would be one of two things. First, the failure of the bill here, or the loosing it when amendments to such an extent that no one here would vote for the measure on final voting for it. And he submitted whether four million dollars in the aggregate was not all that could be voted now for such improvements.

Debate took place, involving the character of the bill, and an amendment offered by Mr. STRICKLAND, of Michigan.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, of Illinois, in the course of his remarks, said that many of these appropriations were more for the purpose of enhancing the character of property than the promotion of commerce.

Mr. CONGER, of Michigan, replied, maintaining that the Committee had endeavored to make the best possible distribution for the general good.

Mr. JONES, of Kentucky, said that only about one-fourth of the entire sum was for the South. It looked to him as if this bill was for the improvement of one section—the North to the exclusion of the South.

Mr. BOLES, of Arkansas, offered an amendment for the improvement of the Arkansas rivers.

Mr. POTTER, of New-York, objected, saying that Arkansas had not been reached.

Mr. ROGERS, of Arkansas, replied that Arkansas never would be reached, and Mr. POTTER responded "and never ought to be reached."

Mr. ROGERS, of Arkansas, suggested a substitute, appropriating $25,000 for the improvement of the Washitaw River, Arkansas, which Mr. BOLES accepted.

Mr. ROGERS said there was on this river from five to ten millions of commerce annually.

The amendment was agreed to—yeas 74, nays 47.

After several hours spent in offering and debating amendments proposing appropriations for various rivers and harbors not included in the bill; Mr. SAWYER, of Wisconsin, an order to stop further debate or propositions, moved to suspend the rules, and pass the bill. Agreed to—yeas 142, nays 39.

EVENING SESSION—OH, NO!

Mr. DAWES moved to have an evening session for the consideration of the Sundry Civil Service bill.

Several members—Oh, no!

The motion was rejected, and the House, at 5 o'clock adjourned.

The Neptune Case—Condition of the Injured Seamen.

Commissioner SHIELDS was unable to proceed with the examination in the case of Capt. PEABODY and his two mates, who are charged with cruelty toward the colored seamen under their command, in consequence of the inability of the Government witnesses to leave the hospital in order to give their evidence. Assistant District-Attorney DE KAY asked for an adjournment until the 16th proximo, but Mr. ANDREWS, counsel for the accused, opposed the motion, and expressed the hope that the examination would be continued as an early day. Dr. METCALF, who has charge of the injured sailors, testified that two or them—MILES and ALBERT—could not be present, as amputations might be necessary in their case, their feet and hands being badly frozen. After hearing the latter statement, the Commissioner adjourned the examination until Saturday next, with the understanding that the testimony of the seamen could be taken at the hospital, if they were unable to attend at that time.

MUNICIPAL POLITICS AND POLICY.

Lexington is boasting of its two aldermen. Illinois only has four watch factories. It is to have one more.

ROBERT TOOMBS is advertised to lecture in Atlanta, Ga., on "Manual Labor."

Gen. BANKHEAD, recently in command at Fort Wallace, is on his way to Texas to take the place of Major-Gen. J. S. Errington.

The roll of membership of the Mobile Board of Trade now comprises 300 names, which is more than ever before.

President EDWARD PARKER, of Swarthmore (Friends) College, in Delaware County, Penn., has resigned.

Boston dealers in ready-made clothing paid out last year about $6,000,000 for labor in Maine and New-Hampshire.

Hon. H. V. M. MILLER seems to be devoting the leisure time he has in such profusion, to trashing PROCTOR KNOTT'S amusing speech on Duluth to his friends in Georgia.

Pennsylvania thinks it can claim the Democratic nomination for President, and presents the names of Gen. HANCOCK and Chief-Justice THOMPSON.

Dr. JOHN W. KNIGHT, one of the oldest and most successful and distinguished physicians in the South-west, died in Louisville, Ky., on Saturday night.

At an auction sale in Columbus, Ga., a day or two ago, $1,750 of Confederate notes were sold for $1, and $12,300 of Confederate four per cent. certificates for the same sum.

Hon. CHARLES GRAY, of Herkimer, a leading lawyer, and well known for many years as an able and conscientious Judge, died on Tuesday at the age of seventy-four years.

The French citizens of San Francisco have sent about $125,000 to their suffering native land since the war began, and are not yet weary in well-doing.

A young married couple, stopping at an Indianapolis hotel, blew out the gas. An Irish porter, attracted by the odor, saved their lives, and the happy bridegroom gave him a dollar.

The Manitoba correspondents who a little while ago poisoned BELL to death, now assert that he is alive and hearty, but very poor, and dependent upon a party of French half-breeds for supplies.

A Philadelphia paper maliciously accuses a contemporary of cutting off the whiskers in the picture which once did service as a portrait of DICKENS, and publishing it as a true portrait of HERLOW, the murderer.

A Vermont child, nine months old, cannot walk but can talk, and says distinctly when his father comes in, "Come, ALVIN, take the baby;" or, if a stranger has been present, asks "Who was that man?"

Hon. JULIUS VOGEL, Minister of Finance and Postmaster-General of New-Zealand, accompanied by his private Secretary and a party of six, reached Chicago on Saturday on their way East.

Four of the assistant doorkeepers and two other subordinate officers of the Indiana House of Representatives, cannot write their names. They are Democrats and were appointed by Democrats.

Southern Conservative and Democratic politicians still cherish the hope of success in their effort to bring out Gov. B. GRATZ BROWN, of Missouri, as an independent candidate for the Presidency.

The Wisconsin Academy of Arts, Sciences and Letters, which was organized about a year ago, has just held its first annual meeting at the State Capital in Madison. The several unions were largely attended, and the meeting, as a whole, was a decided success.

A State labor convention of about thirty delegates was held in New-Haven, Conn., on Wednesday. It adopted a platform, appointed a State Committee, and put on record its demand that class legislation, solely in the interest of capital, shall cease.

Hon. DAVID MANNING CAMP, formerly a prominent Vermont politician, died, at his residence in Derby, on the 20th inst., aged eighty-three years. He served for many years in the Legislature, and for five years was Lieutenant-Governor of the State.

The tornado on Friday which blew down twenty-two houses in Helena, Ark., in less than fifteen minutes, utterly demolished a large store and warehouse opposite that city, which belonged to Gov. ALCORN, of Mississippi, and was valued at $25,000. Gov. ALCORN has suffered numerous losses by fire recently.

The Republic of San Salvador has instructed its Consul in San Francisco to take away the papers of any vessel sailing under its colors found carrying coolies. The other Central and South American Consuls there have received similar instructions from their Governments.

Judge PLANTY, of Florida, has decided that the State law providing for the licensing of a limited number of stevedores in each port of the State is unconstitutional, "because it abridges the privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States, which is prohibited by the Fourteenth Amendment."

JEFF. DAVIS has written a letter to a barber in Wilmington, N. C., who was once one of his household servants, abounding in kind expressions of interest in his welfare, and concluding with the assurance that he will pass through the city some time in April next, and will meet him in person.

An expectant bride, who awaited in Rome, Oneida County, her Syracuse lover, received, after the church was opened and her friends had begun to assemble, a letter from him declaring that the ceremony must be indefinitely postponed. Her brother has gone for that delinquent Syracuse lover, filled with wrath and armed for the fray.

A member of the St. Louis Academy of Science read a paper on earthquakes, at their last meeting, in which he maintained that the disturbances are produced by electric currents circulating through the earth, which, accumulating at various points, produce heat and shock of local action; and that they occur at intervals of about ten years.

The American Philological Association will hold its third annual meeting in New-Haven, in July, commencing on the afternoon of the 25th. Persons intending to read papers are requested to notify the Secretary of the Local Committee, Mr. A. VAN NAME, of New-Haven, at as early a date as convenient, and those intending to be present to notify him not later than July 1.

Ex-Gov. WILLIAM C. GRIMES, of Rhode Island, whose death has just been announced, was a Democrat, but that did not prevent him from taking an active part in the Dorr rebellion, on the law-and-order side, and he is reputed to have led the troop of horse which closely pursued the fugitive DORR several miles into Connecticut. During the late rebellion he steadfastly supported the Government, and sent several sons into the Union Army. Two or three of his sons still remain in the United States service, and three are merchants in California.

The new temperance movement in Massachusetts, based upon moral and religious grounds, seems to have been successfully inaugurated at the Convention, in Boston, on Wednesday. The *Journal* says that the Convention was well attended by gentlemen from different sections of the State, including a large number of elderly men, who were active participants in the Washingtonian Reform of thirty years ago. The proceedings were marked by earnestness and enthusiasm, and resulted in the formation of a State Society, with WILLIAM B. SPOONER, Esq., as its President. The pledge calls for total abstinence from the use of all intoxicating liquors, including wines, cider and malt liquors as a beverage, and from their manufacture or sale; and the Society relies wholly upon moral and religious means for its success.

The citizens of Montreal are contributing to the French Relief Fund, and in commending the movement the *Gazette* of that city says: "No city on this continent, none out of France itself in the Old World, is drawn by more special claims to sympathy with France than the commercial capital of her once proudest colony. Time and change have not weakened the ties of love [illegible] bind the inhabitants of this Province of [illegible] descent to the fair land of their fathers. [illegible] we for a moment suppose that this [illegible] remembrance of ancestral relations [illegible] all likely to interfere with present attitude [illegible] to a considerate and indulgent Government."

COMMISSIONERS OF DOCKS.

A Slight Bonus Asked for the Occupants of the Government-Street Pier.

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of Docks was held yesterday afternoon. A lease from LIVERMORE, FOX & Co., for permission to erect a shed on Pier No. 36 North River, was granted. Also that of JOHN STARR, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, for a freight-house at Pier No. 9 North River. It was resolved that the latter Company be notified that no more hay must be stored on the pier. The application of ABBIE ALMONTE, agent of the Bloody Run of steamers, for permission to erect a temporary bulkhead at the south side of Pier No. 6 North River, was denied. The dumping-boards at the foot of Leight-street and foot of Twenty-first-street, North River, were ordered repaired for the use of the Street-cleaning Commissioner. The fences on Pier No. 45 North River, and Pier No. 4 North River, were ordered removed by the 1st of April. The Superintendent was ordered to see that the nuisance complained of by the Fulton Market Fishmongers' Association, at Pier No. 17 East River, be removed. The shed on the bulkhead adjoining Pier No. 32 North River, owned by Commissioner STOKES, was ordered removed by the 4th of March. Contracts for silk-drivers were ordered entered into with JOHN DUNN and EDGAR W. YOUMANS. The Auditing Committee reported total expenses for the month of $41,189 96, the principal items of which were sheet-iron for seats and $1,315 50 for stone.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund reported that they had assigned the slip at the foot of Government-street, which is one of the finest on the East River, to the Street-cleaning Contractor. This statement provoked a little debate, in which Commissioners HENRY, AGNEW and SMITH took part. Commissioner AGNEW expressed his regret at the action of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, as this pier was one of the finest in the City, and thought that if another pier had been selected it would have been far better. He recommended that whatever was done about the matter be done quickly, inasmuch as the Brooklyn Street pier had been taken by the East River Bridge Company who wanted to go to work at once and place their caisson for the western foundation of the bridge. Commissioner HENRY was surprised at the Street Contractor, BROWN, going to the Sinking Fund Commissioners, inasmuch as he had only a few days ago called upon the Dock Commissioners with the same object. He also wondered at the action of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, as if they could take this pier they could take any dock they chose, and thus virtually assume the power of the Dock Commissioners. He thought there was a legal question involved in this which should be inquired into. Commissioner WOOD offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board and Commissioner HUNT be appointed a committee to see the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and explain the peculiar position of the Government Pier No. 37 East River, foot of Government-street, and the slip adjacent, exclusively for the accommodation of the trade of New-York.

The application of JOHN FORRESTER, for a small house on the bulkhead at Pier No. 7 East River, was denied. The application of ABBIE ALMONTE, agent of the Bloody Run of steamers, for permission to erect a temporary bulkhead at the south side of Pier No. 6 North River, was denied. The dumping-boards at the foot of Leight-street and foot of Twenty-first-street, North River, were ordered repaired for the use of the Street-cleaning Commissioner. The fences on Pier No. 45 North River, and Pier No. 4 North River, were ordered removed by the 1st of April. The Superintendent was ordered to see that the nuisance complained of by the Fulton Market Fishmongers' Association, at Pier No. 17 East River, be removed. The shed on the bulkhead adjoining Pier No. 32 North River, owned by Commissioner STOKES, was ordered removed by the 4th of March. Contracts for silk-drivers were ordered entered into with JOHN DUNN and EDGAR W. YOUMANS. The Auditing Committee reported total expenses for the month of $41,189 96, the principal items of which were sheet-iron for seats and $1,315 50 for stone.

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LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 23—The following is the Court of Appeals Calendar for Feb. 24: Nos. 168, 169, 170, 174, 177, 179.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Adjourned to Monday next.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—PART I.—AND OTHER ADJ[illegible]

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Hold by Sutherland, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M. Calendar. No calendar.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Part II.—Hold by Brady, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M. Short Causes.

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SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Hold by Sutherland, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M. Calendar.

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SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART II.—FEB. 23.

Before Judge Sutherland and a Jury.

THE SUGAR WELL CASE.

Hatch vs. Lemuel.—This case, already noticed in the TIMES, was continued yesterday. Almost the entire session of the Court was consumed in reading and submitting in evidence letters to Mrs. Hatch, the plaintiff, from her mother, showing the relations between them to be at that time (1865) harmonious and affectionate, and such as should exist between mother and daughter.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—FEB. 23.

Before Judge Barnard.

PRACTICE—EXAMINATION OF PARTY BEFORE TRIAL—WHAT THE AFFIDAVIT MUST CONTAIN.

Ward vs. Ackerman.—The defendant (underwriter) to have the plaintiff examined before trial, under section 391 of the Code, by a summons and an order of the Court obtained on an affidavit, showing the nature of the action in the same manner as was formerly held sufficient in this Court. Plaintiff objected, because the application and not (inclosed in) affidavit the nature of the discovery sought, and how the facts is necessary to enable the defendant to prove his defense upon the trial, and how the matter sought for is material to aid of the defense; and relied on the new (twenty-first) rule of the Court, and claimed that a mere allegation in the affidavit that such examination is necessary is not sufficient.

The Court sustained the objection, and gave the defendants leave to amend so as to comply with the rules; and to serve the papers as amended.

R. S. Guernsey for plaintiff; T. C. Buckley for Defendant.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART II.—FEB. 23.

Before Judge Brady and a Jury.

STAGE-DRIVERS, RIDE ON YOUR HORSES—$1,500 FOR INJURIES TO A BOY.

Allan D. Brady, by his Guardian, vs. Samuel W. Ambrose, &c.—Suit was brought in this case to recover damages by plaintiff, against the defendant, as proprietor of the Fifth-avenue line of stages, for injuries alleged to have been sustained through the carelessness of a stage-driver in the employ of defendant. The boy's testimony was, that he was slowly crossing Fifth-avenue, at the corner of Seventeenth-street; that at the time he was struck the driver of defendant's stage, and as it neared the plaintiff, the driver suddenly pulled up his horses and brought them to a stop, and then turning to look into the stage, let the lines drop on the horses, when they suddenly started again, run over the boy, and inflicted the injuries sued for, from which he suffers. The driver testified that the boy ran against the horses himself, but in other respects did not seriously contradict the plaintiff's testimony. The amount sued for was $5,000; the jury awarded $1,500.

E. Wilkins and Gleason, for plaintiff; E. Moore for defendants.

KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT.

Before Judge Gilbert.

WAR BETWEEN BOOK PUBLISHERS—SWINTON'S HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES THE APPLE OF DISCORD.

Alfred J. Barnes et al. vs. Wm. Swinton, Henry Reed et al.—The plaintiffs are publishers in New-York, doing business under the name of A. S. Barnes & Co., and the defendants, Swinton excepted, are engaged in the same business. The plaintiffs allege that the defendant, Swinton is the author of a school history of the United States, and that on the 12th of July, 1870, they entered into an agreement with him for its publication, by so receive 10 per cent. on the sales on the wholesale price of the work; he (Swinton) to adopt the book in the public schools in the State of California. They further allege that they took measures to have the necessary resolution passed for the adoption of the work by the Board of Education of that State, and that at a meeting of the Board the work was adopted. After the making of the contract the plaintiffs advertised the work extensively in newspapers and other periodicals all over the United States. On the 26th of July, 1870, Swinton came to New-York, and a conversation was had between him and Mr. A. S. Barnes as to the mechanical execution of the work, which the plaintiffs allege, Swinton claims, an irreconcilable difference of opinion upon that subject. On the 15th of August Mr. Swinton abolished the plaintiffs that he closed all negotiations with them in regard to the publication of his work. The plaintiffs urge Mr. Swinton thereupon taking him to reconsider his conclusion, but received no answer from him that he had entered into contract with Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co. for the publication. On the 24th of August A. S. Barnes & Co. notified the other that they had not relinquished Mr. Swinton from his contract, and should hold him to it. The plaintiffs claim that Swinton be compelled and ordered to deliver to them his manuscript according to his contract, that the contract be specifically performed, that the defendant Swinton be enjoined from entering into further contract for the publication of his work, and that the defendants Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co. be enjoined from publishing the book.

The case came up on a demurrer to the complaint yesterday morning, on the ground that it did not state grounds to constitute a cause of action. The Court, however, overruled the objection, and ordered the defendants to answer within twenty days.

Sewell & Pierce for plaintiffs; Jordan, Hinsdale & Mellen for Swinton; Charles N. Judson for the other defendants.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.—FEB. 23.

Before Judge Curtis.

THE RIGHT OF THE ROAD.

John D. Lewis vs. Charles E. Dulkley.—This is an action by plaintiff to recover from defendant $1,000 damages for injuries to his (plaintiff's) horse by defendant's wagon. It appeared from the testimony that both parties are the owners of horses and wagons, and on the afternoon of the 30th of September last were driving up Sixth-avenue on their way to Central Park. Plaintiff was in front, and each was accompanied by a lady. The defendant attempted to pass plaintiff, who was going at a slow pace, and in doing so the wheel of defendant's wagon, or else the shaft, struck plaintiff's horse in the shoulder and inflicted the injuries complained of. There was much conflict of testimony both as to the extent of injury to plaintiff's horse and the party to whom the negligence which caused the injury was properly attributable. On behalf of plaintiff it was alleged that he was not bound to look back; that if defendant attempted to pass plaintiff he was bound to do so, without inflicting on him or his team any injury, and that at the time of the whole left side of the street was clear, and he could have passed there if he had chosen. On the part of defendant, it was contended that he did exercise due caution, that he was prevented from passing on the other side by the presence of a baker's wagon, and that the injury, such as it was, was occasioned by plaintiff's horse shying against the wheel of defendant's wagon.

Judge CURTIS reserved his decision.

Chauncey Shafter for plaintiff; G. W. Cotterill for defendant.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART II.—FEB. 23.

Before Judge Joachimsen and a Jury.

NEW COURT-HOUSE BILLS.

John Burke vs. Michael O'Connell.—The plaintiff, a stay-sub of defendant, states that both of them were at work on the new County Court-house, that the due bills in which defendant was liable were selling at a discount of twenty-five per cent. in the market, and that defendant, not wishing to lose, asked plaintiff to advance him the money, which he did, and handing it over to his mother at defendant's request for the family support. When the time for the payment of these due bills arrived plaintiff handed them back to the defendant for the purpose of having them cashed, and on demanding the money received for them afterward, was told by defendant to go to the seventeen devils and get it. Defendant denies that any money was advanced on these due bills to plaintiff, and claims that they belonged entirely to him. The wife, in this case, sustained her son against her husband.

The judgment for plaintiff for $797, costs, and $25 allowance.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Recorder Hackett.

Theodore J. Johnson was yesterday arraigned before Recorder HACKETT, at the Court of General Sessions, indicted for burglary. The jewelry establishment of J. LEVENSDALE, No. [illegible] West Eighteenth-street, was entered and $[illegible] worth of clothing stolen.

[illegible] Edwards was arrested at the door of No. 146 West Nineteenth-street, and a bundle containing a part of the plunder was found in his possession. And A. M., the prisoner, was found asleep at the before-mentioned house, and the remainder of the booty was discovered on his bed. The accused said he was innocent, and that Eunis (who has been sentenced to the State Prison for the term of forty years and six months) left the goods where they were found. Warden Stacom, of the City Prison, and other witnesses testified as to Johnson's good reputation. He was acquitted.

A Mrs. Walker, of No. 15 Leight-street, ninety years of age, testified that she had $[illegible] on deposit at the Union Dime Savings Bank; one day her daughter, Harriet Perkins, took the books, and, assuming that she was the depositor, drew $[illegible].

Harriet deposed that the deposit was the joint result of their earnings. She was acquitted.

BROOKLYN CITY COURT.

Before Judge Nelson.

ACTION FOR A LIMITED DIVORCE.

Josephine A. Oram vs. Charles I. Oram.—The parties to this action are both young people who were married about three years ago, but who finding life rather uncomfortable together, determined in September last to live apart. The action is for a limited divorce, on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. A claim is also made for the support of plaintiff and her anticipated children. Considerable evidence was taken on behalf of the lady to show that she had been knocked and cuffed in a manner far from agreeable.

On the part of the defense, it was testified that she was in the habit of permitting the defendant to leave home without his breakfast unless he chose to prepare it himself, and that, both by general ill-behavior and the use of a violent tongue, she did all in her power to make his life miserable.

The decision of the Court was reserved.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—FEB. 23.

FIRST BOARD.

$1,000	U. S. 5s '71, R.	114¼	27	West. Union Tel.	60¾
1,500	U. S. 5s '71, C.	114¼	200	do.	60¾
1,000	U. S. 5s '67, C.	113¾	100	do.	60¾
10,000	do.	113	300	do.	60¾
4,000	U. S. 6s '81, R.	112½	100	do.	60¾
10,000	U. S. 5-20s C. '67	111¾	200	do.	60¾
1,000	U. S. 5-20s C., new, small	110¼	100	do.	60¾
2,000	do.	110¼	100	do.	60¾
10,000	U. S. 5-20s R., '67	110¾	700	do.	60¾
1,000	U. S. 5-20s C., '65, small	110¼	1000	do.	60¾
4,000	do.	110¼	1400	do.	60¾
1,000	U. S. 5-20s C.	111¼	1000	do.	60¾
1,000	U. S. 5-20s C., '65	111¼	1000	do.	60¾
10,000	Tenn. 6s, old	64¼	100	Quicksilver Min.	31¼
10,000	Virginia 6s, new	61	200	do.	31¼
1,000	Georgia 6s, '86	90	100	Quicksilver Pref.	74
3,000	Ga. 6s, '75, R.	88¾	100	N. M. & S. O.	24¼
2,000	Ga. 7s, R. & Int.	90	100	Adams Express	61¼
1,000	N. Car. 6s, old	38	10	do.	61¼
2,000	N. Car. 6s, new	38	100	do.	61¼
3,000	N. Car. 6s, '68	38¼	200	U. S. Express	48
5,000	do.	38	200	U. S. C. & H.	24¼
1,000	N. Car. 6s, '70	38	100	N. Y. C. & H. R.	105¾
7,000	Missouri 6s, '87	91	40,000	N. Y. C. & H. O.	30¾
3,000	do.	91¼	10,000	do.	30¾
10,000	Mo. 6s, c. R.	91¼	100	Erie	19¾
	St. Jo.	40¾	800	Reading R.	92
4,000	Hick'n & W'n 2d	41	100	do.	92
4,000	Ala. 5s, c.	55	1000	L. S. & M. So. R.	94¾
2,000	Ala. 5s, R.	55	100	do.	94¾
3,000	Cen. Pac. G. Pa.	94¾	100	do.	94¾
1,000	U. P. R. 1st M.	85	100	do.	94¾
1,000	U. Pac. L. G. Pa.	70	15	Panama R.	270
3,000	Tol. & W. C. G. Pa.	38	300	Union Pac. R.	21¾
2,000	C. R. I. & P. R. 8s	95	400	do.	21¾
6,000	Mob. & Ala. Pref.	15	100	do.	21¾
5,000	Mob. & Ala. R.	15	100	do.	21¾
	Int. & Rec.	44¾	100	do.	21¾
1,000	do.	44¾	100	Ohio & N. W. R.	70
2,000	C., C. & I. C. R.	81¾	100	Ohio & N. W. Pref.	88¾
2,000	C., C. & I. C. Int.	81¾	100	do.	88¾
1,000	Ill. Cen. Scrip	70	100	do.	88¾
1,000	Mor. & Ess. C. Bs.	90	100	do.	88¾
2,000	N. Mex. Ext.	15	100	do.	88¾
1,000	Ill. Cen.	116	100	C., C. & Ind. R.	84¾
5,000	Ill. Cen. Bs.	90	100	do.	84¾
1,000	do.	90¾	100	C. & St. L. R.	107¾
2,000	C., R. I. & P. R.	95¾	100	do.	107¾
2,000	do.	95¾	100	do.	107¾
2,000	do.	95¾	100	do.	107¾
10,000	do.	95¾	200	Mil. & St. P. R.	58
10,000	do.	95¾	200	do.	58
10,000	do.	95¾	200	do.	58
10,000	do.	95¾	200	Mil. & St. P. Pref.	74¾
10,000	do.	95¾	200	Tol., Wab. & W. R.	38¾
			100	do.	38¾
			100	H. & St. J. R. Pref.	80¾
			100	Ohio & M. R.	30¾
			200	Col., C. & Ind. Cen.	18

SECOND BOARD.

$2,000	U. S. 5s '71, R.	114¼	100	Mar. Min. Co. b. s.	5¾
12,000	U. S. 5-20s C. '62	112	100	Adams Ex.	60¾
4,000	U. S. 5-20s C. '64	111¾	100	do.	60¾
2,000	U. S. 5-20 C. '65	110¾	16	Wells-Fargo Ex.	36¾
60,000	U. S. 5s, 10-40 C.	111	50	Wells-Fargo Scrip	1¾
5,000	do.	111¼	500	N. Y., C. & H. R.	94¾
24,000	U. S. 6-20 C., '67	110¾	15	do.	94¾
		110¾	15	do.	94¾
10,000	do.	110¾	14000	N. Y., O. & H. O.	30¾
60,000	do.	110¾	1000	do.	30¾
5,000	U. S. 10-40 C.	110¾	1000	do. b. s. cash	30¾
1,000	Va. 6s, old	63¾	100	Erie Railway	21¾
2,000	Ga. 6s, '75	88	100	Harlem Railroad	182¾
5,000	N. C. Old Bonds	40	100	Reading Railroad	92
5,000	N. C. Ext. new	38	100	do.	92
	Jan. & July	58¾	100	C., Cin. & Ind.	84
500	do.	60	600	L. S. & Mich. So.	94¾
15,000	do.	60, 57	400	do.	94¾
15,000	Mo. 6s, R.	91	100	do.	94¾
	Int. Issue	90¾	100	Union Pacific R.	21¾
2,000	N. Y. Cen. 6s	112¾	100	do.	21¾
1,000	C., C., C. & I. 7s	84	200	do. bat. cash	21¾
1,000	Ohio & M. R. 7s	75	100	Chic. & Pitts.	103¾
14,000	Ill. Cen. 5s	89¾	200	do.	103¾
10,000	Tol., Wab. & W.	38¾	100	do.	103¾
10,000	N. Y., Cen. & H. R.	94¾	100	Chic. & N. W.	86¾
10,000	N. J. Cen. 1st Mg.	90	100	do.	86¾
100	Canton Co.	74¾	100	Chi. & Rock Isl.	107¾
100	do.	74¾	100	Mil. & St. Paul Pf.	74¾
100	Brunswick Land	74	100	Chic., Wa. & W. R.	64¾
2515	West. Union Tel.	60¾	100	Del., Lack. & West.	138¾
1000	do. b. s. c.	60	200	Ohio & Miss.	30¾
200	do.	60¾	12	Mariposa Land	8¾
100	do.	60¾	100	Pacific of Mo.	115¾
200	do.	60¾	10	do.	115
200	do.	60¾			

THURSDAY, Feb. 23—P. M.

A less confident movement has been noted in Gold, influenced, in part, by the Treasury decision to promptly commence the prepayment of the accruing March interest on the Ten-forty Loan, without rebate. The speculative inquiry has shown less spirit. The Customs call was exceptionally liberal, having been up to $700,000, making a total of $2,108,000 thus far this week, or equal to $722,000 for each business day. There has been a light export drain, since Tuesday, the actual outflow having been only $280,000, including $225,000, by the *Colorado*, and $5,000 by the *Celebria*. The sales of the day were at 111¼@111¾, leaving off at the lower figures. The reported light decrease in the specie item of the Bank of England made no impression on the local market. The Foreign Exchanges were quoted rather weaker, on light transactions, on the basis of 109¼@109¾ for prime sixty-day bills on London. The Treasury offer of a million of Government Gold elicited bids to the amount of $4,805,000 from twenty-one bidders. The award was made of the advertised million at from 111.32 to 111.80. The Gold Exchange Bank reported clearances of only $17,000,000. The coin balance of the Sub Treasury stood this evening at $65,545,168. The bids for the Government Gold were as follows:

Duff & Tiemken.		W. T. Hatch & Son.	
$5,000	111.32	$5,000	111¼
20,000	111.34	10,000	111.35
25,000	111.34	5,000	111.13
25,000	111.35	10,000	111.13
25,000	111.09	20,000	110.95
		20,000	110¾
Ed. Sweet & Co.		20,000	110¾
50,000	111.37	20,000	110¾
Vermilye & Co.		20,000	110¾
25,000	111.28	20,000	110¾
25,000	111.31	20,000	110¾
25,000	111.32	Gilman, Clafflin & Co.	
25,000	111.09	30,000	111.08
Marx & Co.		10,000	111.08
50,000	111.33	100,000	111.11
50,000	111.14	J. F. Underhill & Co.	
50,000	111.10	50,000	111.14
50,000	111.14¼	J. Hawley & Co.	
Trevor & Colgate.		50,000	111.14
100,000	111.13	Leland Brothers & Co.	
100,000	111.11	10,000	111.28
100,000	112.27	10,000	111.23
100,000	111.20	20,000	111.22
50,000	111.20	20,000	111.17
3,000,000	111.13	20,000	111.14
C. G. Haven & Co.		G. Unger & Co.	
50,000	111.01	25,000	111.32
50,000	111.02	J. H. Cornwall.	
50,000	111.00	1,000,000	111.14
50,000	111.04	Carter, Hawley & Co.	
50,000	111.06	50,000	111.20
50,000	111.06	10,000	111.32
J. S. Sammerfield & Co.		10,000	111.26
10,000	111.25	10,000	111.23
10,000	111.26	10,000	111.32
20,000	111.01	J. Molter.	
15,000	111.15	10,000	111.32
10,000	111.12	10,000	111.31
10,000	111.15	10,000	111.30
Kennedy, Hutchinson & Co.		10,000	111.29
10,000	111.32	10,000	111.31
10,000	111.31	10,000	111.29
10,000	111.29	10,000	111.30
10,000	111.31	10,000	111.31
10,000	111.12	10,000	111.30
10,000	111.13	10,000	111.29
Sates & Brown.		10,000	111.30
100,000	111	10,000	111.29
25,000	111.30	10,000	111.28
25,000	111.32	10,000	111.19
Total	$4,805,000		

And the amounts awarded were as follows:

Julius Molter.		Kennedy, Hutchinson & Co.	
$10,000	111.32	$10,000	111.32
10,000	111.31½	10,000	111.32
Duff & Tiemken.		10,000	111.31½
25,000	111.32	J. F. Underhill & Co.	
Vermilye & Co.		10,000	111.32
25,000	111.30	W. T. Hatch & Son.	
Trevor & Colgate.		5,000	111.14
50,000	111.20	Comr. Hawley & Co.	
100,000	111.20	10,000	111.30
Leland, Bros. & Co.		10,000	111.28
10,000	111.28	10,000	111.25
5,000	111.25	E. Julius Meyer & Co.	
J. S. Sammerfield & Co.		25,000	111.32
5,000	111.25	J. H. Cornwall.	
Sates & Brown.		500,000	111.32
25,000	111.32		
Total	$1,800,000		

The Public Funds have been further advanced a fraction in price, by the steady increase in the investment purchases which have been well distributed through the list. The floating supply of all issues has been materially reduced. The market closed strong, with an upward tendency. State Bonds have been in more request and generally firmer, the main exception having been the new South Carolina Sixes, which showed weakness throughout. The Railway Mortgages were in fair investment demand, and the more substantial loans buoyant as to price. Central Pacific Sixes closed at 94¼@94¾, Union Pacific Sixes at 82¼@82¾. The Railway and Miscellaneous Share market has exhibited rather more animation, with an advancing tendency in nearly all current values. The Lake Shore and Wabash Stocks were the liveliest on the Railway list. Of the Miscellaneous Shares the great feature was Western Union Telegraph, in which the dealings were unusually extensive at much higher figures, which, however, were not fully maintained in the later transactions. The extremes of the day on this speculative favorite were 49@50¾, and the closing quotation was 49¾, with a free call noted at this price. The whole market left off quite strong on the basis of our quotations:

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—FEB. 23.

	Tuesday.	Thursday.
United States 10-40s	110⅞	111⅛
United States 5-20s of 1862	113	113¼
United States 5-20s of 1867	110⅛	110¾
American Gold	111¼	111¼
Bills on London 60 days	109⅞	109⅞
New Bonds of Tennessee	64¼	64¼
New-York Central and Hudson	94¾	94¾
N. Y. C. & H. Debt Certificates	90⅞	90⅞
Reading Railroad	92⅞	92
Chicago and Rock Island	107⅛	107⅛
North-west Common	76¾	76¾
North-west Preferred	86⅞	86⅞
Pacific Mail	44	44¼
St. Paul Preferred	74¾	74⅞
St. Paul Common	82	82¼
Lake Shore	94¾	95¼
Ohio and Mississippi	30⅞	30⅞
Toledo and Wabash	38⅞	39¼
Western Telegraph	49⅞	49¾
Erie	22	22
St. Joseph Common	29¼	29⅛
Union Paciic	21⅞	22

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States:

6s cent. cur., '67	114⅞	5-20 coup., b. 1. '65	110¼
6s cent. coup., '67	114⅞	5-20 coup., '67	110¾
5-20 reg. '67	111¼	5-20 coup., '68	111¾
5-20 coup., '67	112⅞	5-20 reg.	109
5-20 coup., '68	111¾	6s currency	111¾
5-20 coup., '65	111¼	6s currency	113¾

And the following for the State Bonds:

Tenn. 6s, old	64¾	Alabama 5s	55
Tenn. 6s, new bonds	64¼	Ohio 6s, 1881	101¼
Virginia 6s, old	61¼	Ohio 6s, 1886	105¾
Va. 6s, new bonds	60¼	Ill. Canal Bonds, '70	113
Va. 6s, new, small	60¼	Ill. coup. 6s, '77	109
Ga. 6s, old	90	Ill. coup. 6s, '79	109
Ga. 6s, new	88	Ill. coup. 6s, '80	109
Ga. 7s, R. & Int.	90¾	Ill. War Loan	100
Georgia 6s, small	88	Ind. 6s, War Loan	100
Georgia 7s, Gold bds	93¾	Indiana 5s	100
N. Car. 6s, old	38	Michigan 6s, '75	98
N. Car. Ext. Act '86	38	Michigan 6s, '83	98
N. Car. Ext. Act '68	38	Michigan 6s, '90	98
N. Car. new bonds	37¼	Michigan 7s, '76	109
N. Car. Special Tax	21¾	N. Y. Reg. Bds, '81	104¼
S. Car. 6s, old	39	N. Y. Comp. Bds '76	103¾
S. Car. April & Oct.	40¾	N. Y. 6s, Cen. L., '72	105
Missouri 6s	91	N. Y. 6s, Cen. L., '75	105
Mo. 6s, R. & Int.	90¾	N. Y. 6s, Cen. L., '76	105
Missouri new bonds	91¼	N. Y. 6s, Cen. L., '77	105
Louisiana 6s, Bonds	75¾	N. Y. 6s, Cen. L., '78	104¾
California 7s	109¾	N. Y. 6s, Cen. L., '79	104¾
Connecticut 6s	104¾	N. Y. 6s, Cen. L., '84	109
Rhode Island 6s	109¾	N. Y. 6s, Cen. L., '76	109

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, '83	91¾	Tol. & Wab. 2d, L. div.	56¾
N. Y. Cen. 6s, '87	91	Tol. & Wab. 2d	57
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Est.	90	Tol. & Wab. Eq. Bds	70
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub'ry	85	Tol. & Wab. Int. Cert.	41
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	99	Hann. & Naples 1st M.	61
Erie 1st Ext.	99	Gt. West. 1st, '88	102
Erie 2d, Tol., '77	94¾	Gt. West. 1st, '93	97¾
Erie 2d, Int. Cert.	94	Gt. West. 2d, '93	77
Erie 7s, 4th Int. '80	84¾	Gainesv. & Tol. 1st	50
Erie 7s, 5th Int. '81	84	Galena & Chi. Ext.	93
Erie 7s, 6th Int. '82	84	Galena & Chi. 1st	105
Erie 7s, 7th Int. '83	84	C., R. I. & Pacific	105
Harlem 1st	95	Morris & Essex 1st	107¾
Harlem C. M. & R. 7s	97	N. J. Cent. gen. 5s	103¾
Albany & E. 1st Bds	91¾	Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 1st	106
Buffalo & E. 1st Mg.	90	Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 2d	90
Chi., R. & Q. 1st c.	106¾	Cleve. & Pitts. 5s	97
Mich. So. 7s s. f.	92¾	Cleve. & Pitts. 6s	79
M. S. & N. I. 1st, 7s	105¾	Chi. & Alton Income	94¾
Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 7s	105	Chi. & Alton Sinking	90
Central Pacific 1st s.	94¾	Ohio & Miss. Consol.	87¾
Union Pac. 1st 6s	82¾	Dub. & Sioux City 1st	84¾
Union Pac. L. G. 7s	71¾	Kenosha Bonds	69
Union Pac. L. G. 5s	71¾	Ill. Cen. R. 1st, 5s	89¾
Ill. Cen. 7 p c.	103	Mil. & St. Paul 1st 8s	103¾
Alton & T. H. Inc.	40	Mil. & St. P. 1st 7 & 10	82¾
Alton & T. H. Bds	80	Mil. & St. Paul 1st	81
C. & N. W. Int. Bds	88	Mil. & Min. L. G. 1st	74
C. & N. W. 1st	124¾	Chi. & Mil. 1st	90
C. & N. W. G. 7s s. f.	95¾	Pekin & Chi. 1st	104
Man. & Ala. Jo. Conv.	103¾	Col., Chi. & Ind. 1st	83¾
Lack. & W. Bds	109	Col., Chi. & Ind. Int.	50
Del., Lack. & W. 1st	138	Tol., Peo. & War. R.D.	64¾
Del., Lack. & W. 7s	121	Tol., P. & W., W.D.	57
Del., Lack. & W. 2d	90	Tol., Peo. & War. M.	33¾
Del., Lack. & W. 7s, '91	118	N. Y. & M. Haven 6s	100
Tol. & Wab. 1st Ext.	81¾	Chi. & Mil. 1st	90

And the following for the City Bank Stocks and Miscellaneous Shares:

Manhattan	160	Central National	103¾
Mechanics'	112	Fourth National	107¾
Union	92	Ninth National	110
Phenix	104¾	Tenth National	115
Mechanics' & Traders'	72	Oriental	100
Merchants' Exchange	100¾	Gold Exchange	79
Leather Manufrs.	250	Birr & Brokers' Ass.	97
Bank of New-York	216	Gold & Stock Clearing	114¾
Commerce	117¾	Pennsylvania Coal	230
Broadway	160	American Gold	97¾
Ocean	90	Cons. Coal of Md.	30
Commonwealth	125	Quitman Min. Co.	25
Chatham	102	Western Union Tel.	49¾
Bank of the Republic	115	Quicksilver Min. Co.	31
Bank of N. America	140	Quicksilver M. Co. Pf.	73¾
Metropolitan	130	Mariposa Min. Co.	6¾
Grocers'	116	Mariposa Min. Co. Pf.	9
East River	125	Boston Water Power	8¾
Farmers'	130	Adams Express	61¾
Mechanics' & Traders'	180	Wells-Fargo Express	36¾
Corn Exchange	125	Wells-Fargo Ex. Scrip	1¾
St. Nicholas	114¾	Am. Mot. Union Ex.	45¾
Importers' & Traders'	140	The Pacific M. S. S. Co.	6¾
Park	124¾	Pacific M. S. S. Co.	6¾

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 23.

Gold receipts	$976,570 00
Gold payments	43,520 57
Gold balance	65,545,168 10
Currency receipts	267,038 30
Currency payments	2,934,237 28
Currency balance	7,269,227 28
Customs	700,000 00

Money has been offered freely to the leading borrowers within the steady range of 3@5 ⅌ cent. on call. The demand has not been equal to the absorption of the available supply, and balances have been quite largely employed in the purchase of the coin-bearing Public Funds. Mercantile credits were in ready currency at 6@7 ⅌ cent. per annum on the better class of names. The City bank exchanges were $[illegible], and the resulting balances $2,042,220. The Government office closed the day with a currency reserve of $7,269,227.

PHILADELPHIA STOCKS—FEB. 23.

Telegraphed to Messrs. E. D. Randolph & Co.

	Bid.	Asked.
City 6s, Old	101¾	101¾
City 6s, New	101¾	101¾
Camden and Amboy	116⅞	117⅞
Pennsylvania Central	61⅞	61¾
Reading	48⅞	49
Lehigh Valley	60⅞	60⅞
Catawissa Preferred	29¼	29¾
Philadelphia and Erie	27	27¾
Northern Central	49⅞	49¾
Lehigh Navigation	45⅞	46¼
Lehigh Gold Loan	59⅞	59¾

The following shows the comparative earnings of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad for the second week in February:

1871	$[illegible]
1870	22,982 43
Increase	$16,810 56

The Toronto *Globe* of Feb. 23 makes this comparative exhibit of Canadian exports in 1869 and 1870:

	1869.	1870.
Produce of mines	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Produce of fisheries	1,267,710	1,[illegible]
Produce of forests	[illegible]	[illegible]
Animals and their produce	8,[illegible]	[illegible]
Agricultural produce	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manufactures	1,[illegible]	2,[illegible]
Sales on account	[illegible]	[illegible]
Specie at Quebec	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total produce	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Cots and ballon	4,[illegible]	5,[illegible]
Goods not produce of the Dominion	4,[illegible]	4,[illegible]
Estimated amount short returned at island ports	2,[illegible]	2,[illegible]
Grand total of exports	$[illegible]	$[illegible]

This, it will be seen, shows the very gratifying increase upon the whole of upward of thirteen millions of dollars for the year. It is also to be borne in mind that the exports of 1869 were nearly three millions of dollars in excess of 1868, so that we have fully $16,000,000 of increase on this head in the course of two years.

The Titusville (Penn.) *Herald*, in its annual review of the Petroleum Trade for 1870, supplies the following statistics:

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NEW-YORK, FRIDAY, FEB. 24, 1871.

Amusements this Evening.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
MARRIED LIFE. Leading characters by Messrs. John Gilbert, Fisher, Stoddart, Mrs. Berry, and Miss Effie Germon.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st., corner 6th-av.
RICHELIEU. Characters by Messrs. Edwin Booth, Barrett, Sheridan, Miss Potemski, Miss Livingston and others.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.
24th-st., near Broadway.
SARATOGA. Leading characters by Messrs. Harkins, Lewis, Davidge, Miss Fanny Davenport, and Miss Fanny Morant.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, near Houston-st.
G. L. RICHELIEU, (Burlesque.) Leading characters by Mr. G. L. Fox and Miss Ada Richard and Lillie Eldridge.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, near Prince-st.
THE BLACK CROOK. Leading characters by Messrs. Morton, Rogers, Hamblin, and Miss Pauline Markham.

FOURTEENTH-STREET THEATRE.
14th-st., near 6th-av.
RICHELIEU. Leading characters by Messrs. Edwin Forrest, Lawrence Hill and Miss Lillie.

LINA EDWINS THEATRE.
Broadway, near Washington-place.
HUNTED DOWN. Leading character by Miss Lizzie Keene.

STADT THEATRE.
Bowery, near Canal-st.
FANCHON. Leading character by Miss Geistinger.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.
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DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES, Afternoon and evening. Large collection of curiosities on exhibition.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

Nothing has yet been received at Bordeaux from President THIERS relating to the peace negotiations. MM. THIERS and FAVRE were both at Versailles yesterday. Nothing positive is known in Paris as to the conditions. A French financial journal says it is impossible for France to pay an indemnity of 5,000,000,000 francs, or half that amount now. The armistice is extended to the 26th inst., at midnight. The Prince DE JOINVILLE and the Duc D'AUMALE await the decision of the Assembly on the locality of their elections before going to Bordeaux. The German Emperor will return to Berlin as soon as the preliminaries of peace are settled. The Eighth German Corps, belonging to Gen. MANTEUFFEL's army, and composed of Mecklenburgers, is arriving at Dieppe, and if peace is concluded they will embark for Hamburg. Salesat coal in Paris are permitted after inspection. Provisions are down to ordinary prices. It is said to be determined on by the Germans that a portion of their army shall pass through Paris on their way home. M. THIERS vigorously opposes it, and warns the German authorities of the responsibility they will incur. Placards in the students' quarters appeal to the inhabitants to make a last struggle should the Prussians enter the city.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

In the British House of Lords, yesterday, the National Defense measures were introduced. Earl GREY entered the military policy of the Government, and a call for papers was voted. A committee on the Admiralty was appointed. The annuity of the Princess LOUISE was passed. In the House of Commons, Mr. GLADSTONE moved for a Select Committee of Inquiry on Indian Finances. The University Tests bill was passed. The Ecclesiastical Titles bill passed its second reading by a majority of 40. The ship *City of Kingston*, from Philadelphia for Hamburg, with a cargo of petroleum, has been wrecked off the coast of Holland.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday memorials were presented in favor of the Cincinnati and Southern Railroad, resolutions of the Indiana Legislature in favor of removing the Capital to the Mississippi Valley, and resolutions from Michigan in favor of extending the Extradition treaty with Canada. Among the bills reported was one incorporating a company for constructing and maintaining submarine tunnels from New-York to Brooklyn and New-Jersey, and one incorporating the Asiatic Commercial Company for the purpose of carrying on trade with China and Japan and other Eastern countries. Another attempt was made to have the bill in relation to a centennial celebration at Philadelphia in 1876 acted upon, but it went over. The bill amending the Bounty law, and granting $100 to all soldiers mustered in for three years between May 4 and July 22, 1861, was passed. The rest of the day was spent on the Indian Appropriation bill.

In the House a petition against further land grants to corporations was presented, as were resolutions of the Indiana Legislature in favor of removing the National Capital. The Senate resolution prescribing an oath to be taken by Mr. MILLER, from Georgia, was concurred in. The day was spent chiefly on Appropriation bills. The bill making appropriations for fortifications and defenses was passed, with slight change, after some discussion. The bill making appropriations for improvements in harbors and rivers was next considered. Among the amendments was one granting $14,000 for the improvement of Shrewsbury River, in New-Jersey, and $20,000 for the Washita River, in Arkansas. The bill was finally passed. The motion to hold an evening session was voted down.

GENERAL.

In the case of JAMES FISK against the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Company, the Supreme Court, at Albany, has granted a motion to dismiss the appeal with 10 costs. A similar order has been made in the case of Geo. M. CHAPMAN against the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, without costs.

In the New-Jersey House of Representatives, yesterday, a resolution was adopted directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire and report what legislation is needed to protect the people of this State against extortionate rates for transportation of passengers and freight over the railroads of the State.

In the case of FULKING, in Albany, charged with robbing the Express Company, four pieces were obtained yesterday, making five in all secured thus far out of seventy-two called.

The recent reported financial irregularities in the Boston national banks are confined to the Webster and the North Banks. E. C. DAMRE, cashier of the Webster Bank, is alleged to be in default between $80,000 and $90,000. It is supposed that both banks are amply secured from any loss.

The Democrats of Portland, Me., have nominated Hon. GEORGE T. EMORY as their candidate for Mayor.

The wine cellars of SIMONIET BROTHERS, in Napa, Cal., were discovered by fire Tuesday night. The loss is $60,000. Insured for $18,000.

Surveys were made at Poughkeepsie, yesterday, in view of erecting a bridge across the Hudson.

At a meeting of coal operators, carrying companies and iron manufacturers at Philadelphia, yesterday, a basis for the payment of wages was determined upon. Whether the workmen will accede to the terms remains to be seen.

Thirty-four Republican members of the Indiana Senate resigned yesterday to prevent further legislation on the subject of redistricting the State, urged by the Democrats, in violation, the Republicans allege, of the Constitution of the State.

The ship *Golconda*, from Liberia, for Boston, struck on Bass Rip, Nantucket Shoals, on Monday evening, and the Captain sent his wife, child, and some passengers ashore. The following day no trace of the vessel could be found, and it is believed she floated off.

The New-Brunswick Ministry has been reformed, with C. E. HAZEWAY, as Provincial Secretary and Premier. The House was then prorogued to meet again March 8.

The Mayor of Philadelphia in a message to the City Council, yesterday, entered a protest against the condition in which League Island has been left by the Federal Government, and recommended that steps be taken to induce it to reorganize and fulfill its obligations in the matter.

The Virginia Senate, yesterday, passed the Washington and Richmond Railroad bill, with amendments. It goes back to the House.

Col. JOHN S. MONROE, Mayor of New-Orleans at the time it was captured by the Union forces, and who was imprisoned for a long time, but who has been President of Savannah since the war ended, died suddenly there yesterday afternoon.

A New Step Toward Amnesty.

Each successive step taken by the Ring for the purpose of covering up their tracks in connection with the Broadway widening job, only tends to reveal more clearly the magnitude of the scheme they had concocted for plundering the City. Their last act of calling upon one of the Judges to discharge a grand jury, while engaged in the legitimate business—we might add, the high duty—of investigating a conspiracy to defraud the City Government, betrays their guilty connection with the job. Well may a contemporary which never fails to apologize for the Ring when an apology is possible, characterize this last act of theirs as "a very extraordinary proceeding." "The Tammany Regency," it cautiously adds, "should be careful how they become identified with such matters. They are going too far and too fast. They have a great game at stake in the next Presidential election." This is all very feebly; but what the people of this community would like to know is—not what bearing such proceedings may have upon the next Presidential election, but what bearing they have upon the rights and liberties of the citizens of this Metropolis? When and where is this coalition between political thieves and the Judiciary to end? If a Grand Jury of the people may thus be dispersed at the instigation of the men whose rascalities they are engaged in ferreting out, what becomes of the liberty of the citizen? Where rests the safety of the State? By the same process the murderer, the incendiary, the highway robber, may be screened from indictment, and escape, not merely the penalty of his crime, but even the annoyance of a trial. We have seen how the Governor of the State, in defiance of the known wishes of the reputable portion of the Bar, selected two well-known Judges to compose the appellate tribunal which is to review the decisions of their abler but less subservient colleagues. We have seen how our Criminal Courts and our prosecuting officers have been used to screen influential political offenders, while untried indictments without number are held threateningly over the heads of the smaller politicians to insure their fealty to the Ring. And now, as the latest step in our downward progress, we behold the Grand Jury, that ancient bulwark of the liberty and security of the citizen, invaded by our political masters of the Ring, and summoned together, disbanded or packed as their interests or necessities may require.

How much more of this sort of work people will stand before they make up their minds that our rulers are really not quite the angels that PETER COOPER and MOSES TAYLOR represent them to be, it is hard to guess. The public liberties are gradually disappearing, and there is absolutely no safeguard left which TWEED and his friends cannot destroy if they are in the humor. We are apt to think very badly of LOUIS NAPOLEON, but if we leave out the *coup d'état*, there was no arbitrary act ventured upon by NAPOLEON which has not been equaled, not to say outdone, by our present rulers. We live, in fact, under the most complete despotism to be met with at this moment upon the earth. It is next to impossible to obtain justice. Great corporations are driven out of the City, because they are liable to have periodical raids made upon them—like that upon the Union Pacific Company, when safes were broken open with sledge-hammers, while JAMES FISK, Jr., marched up and down the office at the head of a band of ruffians. Any corporation which did not pay black-mail, in one form or another, to the Tweedites, would speedily be pounced down upon and ruined. This is so notorious, that the City is avoided by new companies, and the old ones take care to keep on good terms with the Ring and Ring Judges. The injury that this is doing to our trade cannot be estimated now; but it will be fully appreciated by and by, when it will be too late either to arrest or repair the damage. In financial circles, immense loss has been occasioned by the Erie swindlers, and one set or another of equally unprincipled adventurers. There is absolutely nothing in the City which is beyond the reach of the insatiable gang who have obtained possession of it. They can get a Grand Jury dismissed at any time; and as we have seen—thanks, partly, to corrupt Republicans, who deserve far less mercy than corrupt Democrats—the Legislature is completely at their disposal. Never was such a state of things seen before—and it is continued solely because the people allowed themselves to be gulled by the representations of a few rich men, and because they will not take the trouble to think and act for themselves in political affairs. The Judiciary, the City and State Government, every form of civil liberty, are more or less sapped by corruption. And still Peter Cooper would get up any day and tell us that we could not be in better hands, and that the ruin which is impending over our trade is really about the best thing that can befall us.

One Cause of the Depreciation of American Securities.

There is in England a certain class who constantly proclaim that it is idle to attempt any settlement of difficulties with the United States, since the United States is determined to assent to no equitable arrangement whatever. This statement is unceasingly made in print by journals like the *Saturday Review*, and sometimes affirmed or implied by statesmen in Parliament. It is represented that the people of this country really desire to avoid all amicable adjustment, and to keep such questions as that of the *Alabama* indefinitely open as a standing menace to Great Britain.

One consequence of the reiterated assertion of these conclusions is shown in the systematic depreciation of American securities. There is hardly a school-boy in this country who has not puzzled over the inquiry why this rich and enormous Republic should pay six or seven per cent. interest on the money it borrows, while petty and feeble States, that are even further off from the European centre, place their loans for four or five. Every intelligent business man knows that our securities of all classes, Government, railroad and the rest, are much lower than by the standards of value abroad they should be, or would be if other than purely commercial considerations did not mingle with the conditions which establish quotations. To make the matter altogether intelligible, we have only to turn back to the stock lists, and look at the fluctuations in home securities at all times where things have looked dark between our own and the English Government. Now, the result of what we have called this systematic depreciation, presses upon every man, woman, and child, in this country. It keeps up the interest on our public debt. We all know that this debt is to be funded at five per cent, or less, as contemplated; but we are by no means sure that it will be; and if it is not, the reason is that capital is afraid of us. This, then, is one great consequence of the repeated imputation of hostile intentions toward another Power. It makes us poorer, and tends always to keep us so. We are in a condition of what Mr. FISK calls "latent war," and among the penalties of war which cannot be escaped is that of the loss of money.

But what right, it is asked, have these English assailants of ours to subject us to this injury? What business have they so to talk and act as to depreciate our securities, and mulct every individual in this country in a useless yearly tax? The answer is plain. If they do this on a false pretense, their conduct is inexcusable indeed. But is such the case? At this very moment let us look at the situation between us. The two Governments have agreed, just as two private merchants might do, to come together through representatives, and fairly to examine and adjust outstanding differences. At this juncture, and even before a preliminary conference, widely circulated American journals, notoriously inspired by prominent demagogues, send up a cry that "England cannot have peace unless she gives up Canada." This unscrupulous trick is played in time to meet the eyes of the English Commissioners directly on their arrival on our shores. The upshot of the matter is this, that, having made an agreement, and invited the opposite party to come into our house to consummate it, we meet him at the door with a blow from a bludgeon, and make the delicate announcement that unless he gives us one of his houses as "boot" in any possible bargain, we mean to thrash him. The question for all honest men to consider is, whether this is manly or right—whether it puts us in an enviable light before the world—and whether it does or does not lend a color to those British allegations we have mentioned as so damaging to our credit abroad.

It may be that we have a very good claim to have Canada. Perhaps it ought to be ours in any case; and certainly it is not altogether improbable that at a future time it will be ours. But this is not the time or the occasion to open that discussion. Canada has nothing whatever to do with the reckoning now to be made with the British Government. The honor, the dignity, and the substantial interests of the United States will be better advanced by dealing with this whole subject in a spirit of fair play, than in a spirit of chicanery or hostility. It may be true that England has not in all things done by us as she would be done by; but we have now made an agreement to provide for the satisfaction of tangible claims. The duty before us is to carry out that agreement in an honorable manner. Criticism upon the various clauses of the understanding will be proper when they are made known; and, after all, the agreement is subject to ratification. It is not at all likely that the Commissioners of the United States will consent to anything prejudicial to the interests or credit of their country, and if, by any extraordinary chance, they should do so, the compact is open to revision. The attempt, therefore, to create prejudice against the Commission in advance is simply an outrage. It would, be calculated, if it succeeded, to destroy our reputation for acting in good faith. It is to put weapons in the hands of our foes, and to help them to injure us in every market in the world.

The Coal Monopoly.

The extortionate price of coal, and the prospect of a yet further increase, are circumstances that force upon public attention the bad influences which regulate the supply, and the selfish legislation which makes the Government a participator in a huge monopoly. The ordinary price of anthracite coal, at this season, would be about $8 per ton. On Wednesday it was $12, yesterday $13, and it is still rising. The announcement of a contemporary yesterday, that the rate had already reached $20, may prove to have been not premature. The best authorities in the market give that as the probable rate before another week ends. Of course, dealers who have stocks in hand profit by the upward tendency, and the retailers, on whom the great body of the community rely, tighten the screw as fast as they can. In Hoboken, $20 is the retail rate at the yards, and in this City the stores from which mechanics and poor people derive their scanty supplies, are realizing $26 to $30 for every ton they sell. Nor is there any immediate hope of relief. The stocks here and hereabout are fractional in quantity compared with the daily consumption, and at the mines they are not much better. Happen what may, we apprehend that for some weeks to come, fuel will be extravagantly high—so high that manufacturers and others who consume much of it will be seriously inconvenienced, while the working and unemployed classes will be exposed to great suffering.

The causes of this scarcity lie in different directions. The carrying companies are responsible in no small degree. Excessive charges forced up the price of coal to a point that justified indignant but ineffectual remonstrance. They are leagued with the great coal operators—in many instances, in fact, are really controlled by the capitalists who have a direct interest in dear coal. The carriers and mining proprietors have kept up very pretty play for the purpose of deceiving the public as to the seat of responsibility. By their combined plans, however, they have succeeded in making the cost of the article in the Atlantic markets excessive. The suspension of labor throughout a large portion of the mining district was resorted to when other artifices seemed likely to fail. At the beginning the coal owners stood in the light of aggressors; they were dissatisfied with the prices received, and they "locked out" the miners to arrest production. What was at the first a "lock-out" in one locality became an extended strike. The organization that rules the men by methods as heartless and despotic as they are mysterious, is more than suspected of being to some extent manipulated by agents of the operators. When the latter desire to realize higher prices, and to clear off their stock, they arrange a "lock-out" or a strike, and the object is at once accomplished. Misery is inflicted upon thousands of families; large districts are reduced to stagnation and distress; but the operators in coal effect their purpose. These considerations must all be remembered when an attempt is made to apportion the blame for the present scarcity and the ruinous price of coal. And the fact that there is at this moment no apparent likelihood of a resumption of work in the mines, while the stock at the mines, as well as in the yards, is being rapidly exhausted, forbids the hope of speedy relief.

Congress, too, figures as an aider and abettor of the conspiracy by which in the midst of an inclement season the supply of coal is brought to the verge of exhaustion, and its price driven up to figures that indicate wide-spread distress. The Coal Companies and the carrying companies would be unable to organize a powerful monopoly but for the duty that excludes foreign coal. True, the Pennsylvania coal is anthracite and the Nova Scotia coal is bituminous. But the free introduction of the latter into the Eastern States would supersede the use of anthracite for so many purposes, in so many quarters, that the power of those who are now monopolists would be broken. There could be no such scarcity, or famine price, as obtains here now. The duty of Congress, then, is to repeal the tax which places important interests, and the comfort and health of vast multitudes, at the mercy of a heartless combination. The time will not improbably come when Federal interposition may be invoked to destroy that union of corporate forces by which capital is made the enemy of the community. Meanwhile, the Federal Government is the ally of monopoly. The tariff is the auxiliary of conspirators and extortioners. That wrong, at all events, should be redressed before the present Congress closes its existence. Throw open the market to foreign coal, and the Pennsylvania companies will soon be brought to their senses.

Danger by Rail and River.

If we were a people in the habit of learning by experience, many useful lessons might be gleaned from the recent unparalleled succession of accidents in our rail and river transportation service. It may safely be assumed that the alarming state of affairs pictured to Sir CHARLES LYELL by his traveled friend has become, even on our most reckless Western waters, little more than an uncertain tradition. It is not often nowadays that the Captain of a Mississippi steamboat feeds his furnace with barrels of pork, or sits upon his safety-valve, or refuses to pick up a drowning passenger merely because he has paid his fare and so ceased to be an object of valuable consideration. Nevertheless, the contests of the *Natchez* and the *R. E. Lee*, which for weeks kept the entire country, from Cairo to New-Orleans, in a fever of excitement, show that the old reckless racing fever, the source of so many disasters, continues still unabated. And the repeated destruction of these Mississippi steamers of late, by fire or explosion, with an aggregate loss of life that is simply appalling, indicates that there is something radically wrong in their construction or their management.

What this is, whether an habitual carelessness of Captain and crew, or as is more likely an inherent danger in the use of the high-pressure engine, with fires flaming out upon the deck, and almost in contact with light wood work and cargo, people must decide for themselves. The frequency of disaster in this class of vessels, in any event, calls for immediate and strict investigation. But the repeated railroad accidents which have occurred within the last two weeks have been in most cases either caused or aggravated by defects readily apparent, and quite susceptible of correction. The verdict of the jury on the New-Hamburg horror throws the blame on the patent brakes, which failed to work at the critical moment. If the brakes now in use are so inefficient there ought to be enough inventive ingenuity in the country to supply better ones. It is to be regretted that the jury omitted to call attention to the defective system of signalling, which is at least equally responsible for this catastrophe. With a properly regulated railway telegraph, such as is used on the Continent, collisions would be next to impossible. Even so simple a device as a lantern run to the top of a pole on halyards might have averted the calamity. The danger signal at the New-Hamburg Bridge, it appears, could only be set by the slow and complicated process of sending a man up a long ladder to light it. That the lives of human beings should be intrusted to such clumsy and imperfect arrangements as this, seems as incredible as it is surely blameworthy.

The suggestion has been often made in these columns, as well as elsewhere, that cars, especially sleeping-cars, should be built of iron. The desirability of such a change, the catastrophes at Angola and New-Hamburg, and the accident which barely missed being a catastrophe, near Troy, point out more forcibly than any arguments of ours. In case of collision, likewise, the danger to life would be less in iron than in wooden cars, where the splinters and broken timbers usually inflict much, if not most of the injuries. If possible, too, the use of stoves and gasoline should be dispensed with, and less treacherous appliances for heating and lighting sought after. Once a wooden car so warmed or illuminated is overturned, its conflagration is almost inevitable, and loss of life very nearly as certain. Perhaps in some millennium of invention and travel, the more innocuous agencies of steam and electricity may be adapted to these twin purposes.

In many minor points certain practices on most of our roads rather invite accident than avoid it. It is customary, for example, to lock the doors of sleeping-coaches. This, of course, is intended as a protection against theft, but in case of accident has many times been attended with the direct consequences. The same end would be attained without the same danger by affixing to the doors latch-locks opening from the inside and not from the outside. It is common, moreover, on reaching a terminus to detach the bell-rope at some distance from the depot station. This is a very bad plan. Within a few feet of the station an accident may occur, a rail may break, a switch may be misplaced, a car may be thrown from the track, and it may be necessary to warn the engineer to stop. How much may depend on this possibility, the New-Hamburg affair again illustrates. The want of a bell-rope on the off-train certainly facilitated, if it did not actually cause, the fatal collision.

Every consideration of humanity and self-interest requires that the subject should be studied with the strictest scrutiny, and travel on land and water surrounded with every safeguard that experience and foresight can suggest. It may be well that we should have the example of a Jim Bludso or a "Doc" Simmons at times to rebuke and elevate the unheroic selfishness of modern life, but it is better that we should not need the sacrifice of their devotion.

The Water-Bill Fraud.

We have seen no announcement in dispatches from the Capital, or in the Albany papers, that the Governor has affixed his signature to TWEED's bill for supplying this City with "pure and wholesome water," and therefore infer that Mr. HOFFMAN is holding the matter in abeyance. The delay, if there has been any delay, is unusual and extraordinary; bills of this character, or indeed bills of any character, emanating from the Tammany Ring rarely ever lie on the Governor's table twenty-four hours before receiving his signature. He must obey the orders of TWEED and SWEENY, and he therefore obeys them quickly. There are many good reasons why the present bill should be vetoed. If it were a bill to construct a bridge in some rural district, and contained one-tenth part of the jobbery of this measure of TWEED's, a veto might be foretold with absolute certainty. The Governor would "spread" himself over a dozen pages of foolscap to show that it was a useless bill, or a hastily considered bill, or a bill liable to corruption or abuse, or one which infringed the principles of constitutional Government, or contained some defect which must preclude it from the possibility of receiving his high moral sanction. But TWEED's bills are a different matter altogether; they may bristle all over with jobbery, but none of the frauds are visible to the Governor's eye. Take this Water bill, for instance. There is no limitation to the expense to be incurred; no safeguard against a public enterprise being made a big job to satisfy the greed of private individuals; no protection to third parties whose rights may be invaded, and whose property may be seized by TWEED and his associates—no check whatever, in fact, upon the private schemes of speculation, jobbery, and thievery that the bill may be made to cover.

But there is another reason why Gov. HOFFMAN should never give his sanction to this bill, and a reason which, it seems to us, he will find it difficult to answer. It is only a few days since he sent a special message to the Legislature, investigating in strong terms against the use of money in procuring nominations, and in the election of men to public office. The reasoning of this Message will apply with ten-fold force against the use of money to bribe men already in office. If a man may not pay money to procure a nomination, to the Legislature, he surely may not take a bribe for his vote when he gets there. Now, Gov. HOFFMAN knows, as everybody else in Albany knows, that this Water bill was carried through the Assembly by shameless and almost open bribery. Unless the language of the Governor's Message on bribery in elections is to be regarded as the sheerest bosh and humbug, he is in difficult to see how he can affix his signature to a bill passed under circumstances which would be a disgrace to any repute-tive body. Having now given Gov. HOFFMAN good reasons why he should not sign the bill, he will go straight to his desk and sign it—provided he had not done the trick in foreshand.

MINOR TOPICS.

In a case tried before Judge BEADY yesterday a very necessary lesson was given to owners and drivers of stages. A boy was knocked down by a stage in Fifth-avenue, owing to the carelessness on the part of the driver, and severely injured. His friends brought an action for damages, and the jury awarded him the sum of $1,500. We only wish the amount had been larger. These stage-drivers are, as a rule, more fit to drive a horse than a two-and-twenty-legged, and they are utterly reckless about human life. They never give a chance to anybody to cross the road, if they can help it, and so far from giving a lady time to get in or out of their rattle-trap vehicles, they would think it a disgrace to be seen doing it. If proprietors of stages will not employ proper men as drivers, they ought to be made to smart for it, and we feel very glad the proprietor of one line has already had a sharp lesson.

The blocks which now take place every day in our principal thoroughfares afford a delightful evidence of the pains which the municipal authorities take to promote the comfort and convenience of the public. Since Mr. VANDERBILT's depot in Light-street has been used for the exchange as well as the receipt of freight, the Sixth-avenue line of cars is rendered completely useless for ordinary traffic during the busiest part of the day. The block commences at extends from Light-street to the Astor House, and the whole of Canal-street is turned into a chaos of struggling vehicles. A policeman, or two, could keep the traffic moving on, but of course the City authorities will not attend to so trivial a matter. Broadway, again, is completely barricaded for hours together, simply because drivers of lumbering vehicles are allowed to block up the street, and there are no policemen to keep the stream in motion. It would cost nothing but a little time and trouble, and one visit a day from Superintendent KELSO, to set all this straight. But whoever what consequence the public is put to in these days!

It is clear that the statements received relating to the German terms of peace have been chiefly guess-work. The amount of the pecuniary indemnity to be demanded seems to excite greater interest than the disposal of Alsace and Lorraine. We have, accordingly, all sorts of indications as to the probable or improbable sum. We may safely endorse the assertion of the "financial journal" referred to in a cable telegram, to the effect that it would be naturally impossible for France to pay a sum equal to about sixteen hundred millions of dollars. This, it will be observed, corresponds to the sum given by the Prussian official Moniteur, at Versailles, though even on that authority we can hardly accept it as conclusive. In fact the limit to which the credit of France can be stretched is totally well ascertained, and it does not greatly exceed five hundred millions of dollars. This is a circumstance which France and Germany must equally recognize.

The resolutions introduced by Sir A. T. GALT into the Canadian Parliament, subject to propositions which may seriously obstruct the settlement of some of the questions to be brought before the Joint Commission. That body will represent Great Britain and the United States—and these only. With the provinces, apart from Great Britain, it has nothing to do. Sir A. T. GALT, however, proposes, in effect, that no adjustment of the questions relating to the fisheries or the St. Lawrence navigation shall be accepted by England without the concurrence of Canada. Why? Because "the control and disposal of the inshore fisheries and navigation of inland waters" are "especially within the powers conferred to the Parliament of Canada under the British North American act." This, if true, may be good ground for a future bargain between the parent country and the colonies, if the latter deem themselves aggrieved. The Commission will have quite enough to do in settling real differences, without attempting to reconstruct the United States tariff in the interest of Canada.

As we anticipated, the report of the San Domingo Commissioners must go over to the new Congress. The members of the Commission are painstaking and conscientious men, and as such do not seek to evade the thorough consideration demanded by a highly complex and important subject. The object of their mission is not to establish a foregone conclusion, but to find out the truth, and in fixing the middle of April as the date of the termination of their labors, they have given one of the best guarantees that could have been affected of their impartiality and trustworthiness. The letter of our correspondent will be found to contain many suggestive indications of the Dominican resources, and the state of feeling with reference to annexation cherished by the people. It will also be noted that the rhetorical commonplaces of Senator SUMNER concerning the character of President BAEZ are as little borne out by facts as many other opinions recently advanced by the same distinguished authority.

The students of the Quartier Latin have been summoned to make "a last struggle, should the Prussians enter Paris." But the sake of the unfortunate citizens, who would find any such outbreak the occasion of a fresh pecuniary indemnity, it is to be hoped that the patriots of the boulevards will not make tools of themselves. All that Paris can do in such an emergency is to protest, as M. THIERS has been doing, against any such military display. Prussia would show a noble forbearance in refraining from the infliction of this last humiliation on a vanquished foe, who, as THOMAS contends, "has deserved the honors of war." But if Prussia chooses to indulge her lovers with a military parade through Paris, the city would do wisely to submit.

Senator MORTON, it is reported, has received a bushel of letters from Democrats, who assure him that they share his views in regard to reconstruction, and that they have no sympathy with Gen. BLAIR or his sanguinary policy. This is quite probable. During the war there lived Democrats who opposed Copperheadism, and since the war the same class have deprecated the course pursued by the extremists of their party. What of it? In both instances these men were an insignificant minority, powerless in the party's councils, and able to accomplish anything only when acting with Republicans. The same type are in the same position now. They are politically outside the Democracy, whose views are a caricature and identical with the views proclaimed by BLAIR in the Blair-Hendricks ticket. Hence, to the minds of the wise it is to simply ingratiate in two Democratic organizations that there can be no immediate hope of change. The knowledge of this fact will not deter some from influence the votes of the people.

Amusements.

MR. ELIA COTTON is to make his first appearance on an action on the Fourteenth-street stage, on Saturday, in the character of Dick Dowlas, in "The Lady of Lyons." Miss Gertrude Kellogg, of the Union Leagues Club, is to make her first appearance, she displayed, on that occasion, good feeling, and betrayed less stiffness than is usual with novices; she also showed a dramatic character she is richly endowed with. It is understood that Mrs. CATHERINE ADAMS is to be prepared to play for the regular engagement, in preference to the stage. The Mr. Cotton appearance is consequently looked forward to by his friends with natural enthusiasm; it is, at least, the satisfaction of knowing that the character has qualities usually possessed of some importance in such an undertaking, and that her enthusiasm for art is of a kind that requires profound devotion to any business she may seek to illustrate.

MR. WERLE'S MATINEE.

Mr. WERLE's second piano recital, at Steinway Hall, took place yesterday. The hall was crowded, and while the musical results of the occasion were no doubt even more satisfactory than those of the first concert, the interest in the occasion was also more pleasant. Miss Jessie Kenyon and Mr. Adolphus Phillips were the artists who assisted Mr. Werle in the interesting programme. Mr. Werle's first piece, a fantasia on "La Traviata," composed by himself, was admirably played, and will gain in effectiveness when better known. The "Minnehaha" piece, also Mr. Werle's production, is in strong contrast with the one preceding, and it became, by the force of an execution on things, and as finest as it often is powerful, a capital specimen of the only time music is to be wrought out of the trouble of a grand piano by practical fingers. The "Sand Sand Galop" followed. Mr. Werle afterward rendered Thalberg's fantasia on motives from "Mosaniello," a composition which is to be improvised upon vast mechanical skill, a vigor nearly proportionate and that variety of touch which none even in a higher degree than Mr. WERLE, and which was displayed, with the other qualities called for, in a perfect exposition of the work. The final piece of the concert was Mr. WERLE's "Marche des Amazones," a very telling duet for two pianos, to which music was given with fitness such as is by the composer and Mr. GEORGE W. GOLDER. The merits of Mr. KENYON are well known to the habitual concert-goer. Miss Kenyon has a light soprano, exceedingly well trained, and used with intelligence and method. Both the ladies had abundant opportunity, but the larger share of the vocal honors was bestowed by Mr. LAURENSON, whose delivery of the half-declaimed, half sung aria from "Il Bello," commencing with "Ecl ta," was done in the style of a thorough artist, and with the resources of an exceedingly fine voice. The silent dance, strophic, "Immagine d'una Stella," by BARBIGNONI, was, in spite of its more delicate texture, done equal justice to by Mr. LAURENSON, who was compelled to give a song by PHILLIPS, in response to an enthusiastic recall. The second concert of Mr. WERLE at the Union League Hall takes place on Saturday next.

RIVARDS MUSICAL CLUB.

The second concert of the Rivards Musical Club will take place at Apollo Hall, on to-morrow evening. The Club will have the aid of M. RAUBERT VIARDOT, a pianist whom too rarely heard in public, and who will interpret for the occasion a Polonaise by CHOPIN, with orchestral accompaniment. Miss ANNA BISHOP, a young lady who is said to possess a very fine voice, will make her first appearance on the occasion. The orchestra will be under the direction of Mr. P. A. RIVARDS.

THE BENEFIT OF MISS HOLMAN.

It seems that the audience that attended the operatic performance on Monday at the Academy of Music, in defiance of the pleasure afforded by the unmerited detention of Miss FANNY HOLMAN, not only to Signor ALBERTI but to Signor ETTORE BARILI. We find a corroborative of the fact in a Philadelphia journal, which mentions that Signor BARILI, at that city, gave the lady her earliest musical training. We felicitate both gentlemen on the result. If these great musicians are modest, be encouraged to do double a purpose as the introduction to the public of genuine musical talent, we hope they will extend their fame into the future.

MR. VANDERBILT'S BEQUEST.

Mr. GEO. VANDERBILT is announced to give a reading before the Young Men's Christian Association, on Saturday evening. As the entertainment is to be free to members, on presentation of their membership tickets, we anticipate a crowded house.

OBITUARY.

David Thompson.

By the death of DAVID THOMPSON New-York loses another of its old Knickerbocker citizens, and Wall-street one of its oldest business men. Mr. THOMPSON, who died on Wednesday in the seventy-third year of his age, was the son of JONATHAN THOMPSON, Collector of the Port of New-York under Presidents MADISON and JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, President of the Manhattan Company, and Chairman of the Democratic Republican General Committee. He was especially known for his strict honesty. After receiving an excellent French, English and Latin education, at the age of eighteen he went into his father's office, and in two years became a clerk in the Custom of the Collector of the Port. After that he was successively Cashier of the Manhattan Company, the Phenix Bank, Cashier of the Bank of America, and President of the New-York Life Insurance and Trust Company, which latter position he held at the time of his death. Mr. THOMPSON was a man of fine appearance, high social qualities, and of great integrity and honor, above all, and quietly, but effectively, a Christian. He leaves a wife and seven children, and a very large property.

Personal.

Gen. W. H. Ballinger, Secretary of War; Ex-Gov. A. E. Burnside, of Rhode Island; Commander R. W. Meade, of the United States Navy; Hon. M. P. Rogers, of Maryville, and S. E. Cooley, of Hartford, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Senator E. R. Pierce, of Jamestown, and Inspector-General James McQuade, of Gen. Hooker's staff, are at the St. James Hotel. Ex-Attorney-General John H. Hammond, of Albany, is at the Metropolitan Hotel. Judge Sherwood, of Ohio; Hon. J. H. Bulkley, of Illinois; Hon. A. Brackenridge, of Connecticut, and W. R. Doyle, of Washington, are at the Metropolitan Hotel. Ex-Mayor R. M. Hunter, of Cincinnati; Hon. G. K. Jewett, of Maine; Hon. E. H. Prindle, of Illinois; Hon. T. B. Blackstone, of Chicago, and Col. Ed. Archer, of Richmond, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Hon. S. G. Reed, of Boston; John Duff, Esq., V

SAN DOMINGO.

Progress of the Investigations of the Special Commission.

Latest Advices from the Times' Correspondents—
San Domingo City—Mr. Sumner's Mistatements Corrected—Thorough Examination by the Commission—Anti-Annexationists Impossible to Find—
The Commission Not to Return Until April.

SAN DOMINGO CITY, Saturday, Feb. 11, 1871.

The New-York papers which the mail brought yesterday told of the snows and the frosts of the North, but along these, the Ozama's banks, where the story came to us, how different the scene! The sun and the air are like the air and the sun which Mid-June brings to warm your colder latitudes; the boughs of the orange-tree, laden with gold-tinged fruit, bend over the water; the cocoa, and the coffee ripen close by; the royal palm waves its lime branches in the land and the sea breeze; on every side an expanse of deep green vegetation.

THE OLDEST CITY OF THE WEST.

We have been in this quaint old town for the last six days and we are not yet tired of looking on its musty beauties, of hearing and reading its wondrous story of blood and carnage, of sorrow and degradation. No city in the Western Hemisphere boasts the history of this oldest of Western cities, for that which the brother of the great Genoese built on the opposite shore has long since passed away, earthquake ruined, leaving not a wreck behind except two crumbling walls. Tradition tells the historian that 370 years ago a beautiful Indian maiden dwelt by the stream of the Ozama, to whom a cavalierly Spaniard lost his heart. Anxious to be near her who had captivated him, he painted in glowing colors the waters and the hills on which we look today, told of the gold and the silver which lay in the mountain fastnesses and came down to the ocean in the torrents of the mountain rivulets. The hope and the proofs of the golden treasure brought the Spanish caravels and ingenuous Don of COLUMBUS himself to his brother, Don BARTHOLOMEW, commanded the foundation of the city which is now no more, but whose name is perpetuated in the San Domingo of today. Three centuries and a half of history look down on us from these moldering walls and time-worn battlements and rusted cannon. The Spanish fleet in the bay, the Spanish flag on the shore, the gentle Indian tribe melting away under the tyranny of cruel conquerors, hungering as men never hungered for silver and gold; the embroils and ambitions of rival colonists and politicians in Church and State; COLUMBUS in chains in a castle which stands today, the flag of a young republic above it; OVANDO's coming; the return of DIEGO, whose head two years before almost came to the block; then the Franciscan monk, with cross and crozier; the meek DOMINICAN, with long rosary head, led by the great LAS CASAS; and, outrage greater than all, the sending from Guinea's coast of the dusky negro—the introduction of African slavery. The place is shown today where the first slave set his foot—a long, narrow strip of land outside the city walls, a desolate spot on which scarcely a green thing grows, except a solitary tree, scant as to bough and foliage. Across the river the Christian cross was raised—no trace of cross today among the dozen palm-leaf huts there; but the descendants of the early slaves are numerous enough, toiling at the oar, bearing voluntary burdens to the ferry-landing; soldiers in arms, the conquerors of their old enslavers. War and revolution, famine and pestilence, stalk through the centuries. The picture is the bloodiest picture ever painted—the darkest story of all time—the eloquent pleadings of LAS CASAS and his brother Dominicans, almost the only page in the volume without a crimson stain. Sedition of BOLDAN and the conquest of the Pirate-Admiral DRAKE; the buccaneers' red story of rule and ruin; rebellion of the negroes; end of long vexatious marauding expeditions and midnight sanguinary attacks and passion to France in Ryswick's treaty; establishment of West India Company, the first monopoly of the New World; more MAGAUDAL's murderous career and strange accidency of poison and assassination over his countrymen, yielding up life at the fire-stake. Next the wild storm of the French Revolution, sweeping over the island, and rights of man sinking deep into the mulatto heart, and prompting resistance to class rule, respectfully firm at first, by and by an indignant demand and a battle-cry, enforced at bayonet's point. Before that, mobs and murder, conflagration, insurrections of negroes, famine in 1802-3, blotted from the annals in planters' interest, threatened rebellion against mother country followed by gracious condescension of royalty, allowing the wearing of "scarlet robes and hats by Ministers of Justice made in same fashion as at Paris." The bloody drama goes on; atrocities of negro Chief JEAMMOT, encounters between whites and mulattoes, finally ending in freedom proclamation to the blacks; war between England and France brimming war to San Domingo; Port-au-Prince captured by the English, becoming the grave of half its captors, and then the thrilling story of TOUSSAINT, running on and on, battle and siege, and persecution, and oppression, through agency of merciless DESSALINES, until at last the "first of the blacks" taunts himself another BONAPARTE. Desires of NAPOLEON on San Domingo, Haytian war, Spanish occupation—where are the recapitulations of the bloody chapters?

THE PRESENT APPEARANCE.

San Domingo City was for more than a century and a half the military and ecclesiastical headquarters of the Spaniards and of the new western world. In it were fitted out nearly all of the expeditions of war and religion, smiled on by King and blessed by Pope, which carried so-called civilization and humanity to all the surrounding islands and to the continent. PONCE DE LEON and PIZARRO and VELASQUES and DE SOTO, and if memory serves me right, AVYLA started from it on their course of many conquests. The city is built on a suit of land almost surrounded by water, the Ozama River on one side, about one hundred yards wide, and the ocean on the other. The military engineer of one hundred years ago would say that it was strongly fortified, for around it runs a wall in some places fifteen feet thick and fifty feet high, made of mortar and brick, and in some places cut-stone, with gate and bastion, and sally-port and sentry-tower. This wall is, as a general thing, in excellent repair, but the heavy guns of the Frenchmen, if opened on it would soon make wide breaches. They would prove formidable barriers, however, to infantry and to the rude soldiery of the West India Islands. The principal entrance to the city, at least for those who come by sea, is on the east, and is called the Eastern Gate. On this side the wall runs along the water's edge, and the gate is only fifteen or twenty yards from the landing-place. As we passed in, the sentry on guard presented arms, and a dozen soldiers at the guard-house turned out to look at what they supposed to be the Commissioners, but there was not even a Commissioner or a Commissioner's assistant among us; we were simply the representatives of two or three newspapers who led the advance, receiving and acknowledging honors not exactly intended for us. On our right were the ruins of the palace of DIEGO COLUMBUS, one of the first Governors of the territory, erected with the erection of the new city, on a scale, the historian tells us, "of magnificence correspondent to the greatness of the New World, and to the fame and dignity of the family of COLUMBUS." History and local tradition alike assure us that this was at one time a princely structure. It is built of cut stone—two rectangular structures connected by a gallery—of great strength, but with no architectural pretensions whatever. DIEGO's jealous contemporaries saw in this building a "fortress" where the Vice-Regents intended at some day to assume imperial power and defy his liege lord, FERDINAND. The suspicious King believed the charge, and DIEGO was summoned to Spain; but the story is a long story, and I shall not tell it.

THE PALACE.

The way from the gate to the heart of the city lies up a hilly road or street about three hundred yards in length. The first building of any consequence—indeed, the only building—is what is called the "Palace," probably the finest building in the Republic. It is two stories high, built of sand and lime and brick, on the old Roman, or rather the Moorish plan, with court-yard, containing six or eight spacious rooms, commanding a splendid view of the river and of a portion of the city. In no other part of the world could this structure be called a palace. The walls are white-washed, and the doors and the floors are the best part of the entire building, the former being of mahogany and the latter of marble slabs. But this Palace has, in common with all other palaces, a story and a legend. If you talk to the superstitious sentry, who sleeps in the archway, he will tell you that the place is haunted. The legend is that no President or Governor who inhabits it leaves it alive. Some time ago the place was fitted up for President BAEZ, but he refuses to dwell in it, whether or not from superstitious motives I cannot tell.

THE GREAT SQUARE AND THE CATHEDRAL.

Following on the same street, and about two minutes' walk beyond, is the great square of the city, with the old Cathedral on one side, running along its entire length, and the Government head-quarters on another side. The Cathedral is a strange structure as to its exterior, and stranger still as to its interior. It is several hundred yards in length, and its builders, if one may judge from the crenelated walls, did not altogether rely on the weapons of the spirit. Heavy and gray with time frost, it has suffered much from age, but still more from war. Bell chimes without, and five and twenty or more altars within, call devotees to worship; painting and gilding, crucifix and tabernacle of silver and precious wood; cross which fable says COLUMBUS erected; niche where COLUMBUS' remains, from distant Valladolid, were deposited, and afterward removed; picture of Virgin, with FERDINAND and ISABELLA in devout and humble posture; swinging lamps, painted column and panel, image of saint and apostle attired in gorgeous dress of silk and velvet, copy of MURILLO's Madonna, marble monument to first Bishop and first Governor, and to knighted companion of COLUMBUS; these the adornments and decorations, the attractions of this Cathedral. I went to mass there one week ago. The congregation was scant indeed, women for the most part, 300 or so in number. There was all the pomp and the ceremonial of the Catholic Church, but the piety and the devotion were, or appeared to be, all on the sacerdotal side of the altar railings and in the choir, where colored men sang the solemn Georgian chant in response to officiating clergymen. Two hundred knelt where two thousand might have knelt, and I would not shut out the wish that some that there were less church room or more faith in San Domingo. But the fact is that the churches here are so numerous, or at least their ruins, that every family has a church of its own. There is very little of interest in these churches. Whatever works of art and articles of treasure they may have possessed were all removed, as the fortunes of war and diplomacy swept over them. French and English and Spanish in turn plundered them as ruthlessly as did the First NAPOLEON the sacred places of Italy. The cathedral seems to be almost the only religious edifice that is kept in tolerable repair.

THE STREETS AND HOUSES.

The City of San Domingo is laid out in squares something like Philadelphia, about half a mile from north to south, and one half that distance from east to west. There is not one of its hundred blocks without a ruin of a church or a convent; a palace or a fort. The houses are built of brick, many of them several hundred years old, and scarcely a single one over which half a century of time has not passed. They are generally two stories high, the walls from two to five feet thick, the roofs flat, made of tile or flags of stone. Glass is seldom or never used in the windows, which are numerous enough. Large doors shut out the night air and the sunshine. They are deliciously cool and pleasant, and exceedingly comfortable. The floors are generally of brick, but I have seen more than one with a floor of wood. In all of them is a court-yard in the centre, where the sunshine rarely penetrates, and in which grow a few flowers and trees. The furniture of the better class of houses is quite modern.—American rocking-chairs and marble-top tables, pictures and chromos, and French colored prints and lithographs. The houses of the poor are very wretched, indeed, but they are not more wretched and cheerless than the dwellings of the poor in the tenement portions of the large cities of the Union.

TRADE AND THE STORES.

The business portions of the City show considerable life and activity, at least in the morning hours when nearly all the business is transacted. There are several very fine stores, where almost anything may be purchased. The shopmen are pleasant and obliging and do not hesitate to take down and exhibit their entire stock to make a trifling sale. Women largely assist in these establishments—in the retail stores—and nurse black and copper-colored babies in the long intermissions of work. Cigar-stores are quite numerous, and as a general thing in all of them two or three men and boys are constantly at work, through the long day rolling up strips of native tobacco, and twisting it into by no means badly-shaped segars, to be exported to the United States, and to be sold at prices ranging from half a cent to a cent and a half to the town and country people. Industry of all kinds flourishes, only to a very limited extent, however. The people will work if the incentive is only given. The fact is that there is no money here, and that labor is for the most part paid in a little dry goods, a little rum, a little tobacco or a long sword—for a native Dominican of the soldier and farmer class, would far sooner think of going without a coat or shirt than the long machetta.

THE PEOPLE GENERALLY.

The merchants dress exceedingly well, patent-leather boots, linen and duck suits of snowy whiteness, silk umbrellas, silk and linen and Panama hats, long watch chains, diamond rings. Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, showed a most remarkable ignorance when in the Senate debate he denounced these people as a race of "ignorant black cut-throats." His own Wilmington is a far more filthy city—at least that portion of it through which the New-York train passes on its way to Washington—than this City of San Domingo even in its worst portions, and the population who gaze from rum stores in the capital of the Diamond State look far more villainous than any population I have ever seen here. Little children learn and speak two or three languages, and there is no need for the whipping-post to teach their parents respect for, and obedience to, the law. I have never met a more inoffensive race, or a politer people; and I have no hesitation in giving the opinion that I think they would make far better citizens than three-fourths of the men in Delaware and New-York who vote the Democratic ticket. What manner of life do they lead? Well, to us from the busy, bustling North, where the great aim of life is or appears to be money-getting, whose Gospel is progress and whose creed is gain, life here is an indolent life, in the joy and the fullness of today caring not for the morrow. We miss the surging, bustling crowds in the streets and the highways, the roar of commerce and the din of industry, and in our hot and impatient impetuosity abuse the slow and languid people who require a day's notice for the accomplishment of anything, the supplying of any want. We search for reasons and causes in the ever-present sunshine and the climate; in race, and blood, and education. But this city was a great city at one time, this country a prosperous country, and I see nothing in the tropical clime why it should not be so again.

HOW THE DAY PASSES.

San Domingo City, about 8 o'clock in the afternoon, seems a city of the dead. The streets are almost deserted, and the only persons to be seen abroad are the Commissioners and their attaches and the journalists of the party; but we are all fast learning to live as the Dominicans live. Between 3 and 5 o'clock business is again resumed, the heat ceases to be oppressive and dangerous and the streets become again quite animated. The evening, between 6 and 8 o'clock, is the season of relaxation and amusement. The air is cool and refreshing; whole families sit in the spacious doorway or on the balconies in front of every house, visits are made, the church bells call to prayer, riding parties of ladies and gentlemen make short trips into the country beyond the city walls, a band of music, on Sundays at least, plays in the square, but after 9 o'clock the streets are again deserted, and no matter how bright the moonlight and how lovely the skies, no one is seen out of doors. The city is under a sort of military rule; the gates are closed at 8 o'clock, and sentinels guard innumerable military posts.

THE POPULATION—MEN AND WOMEN.

The population of the city is between 8,000 and 10,000, of all shades of color, from inky black to Caucasian white. The Spanish race evidently predominates. Women of the upper classes rarely appear in the streets and the only opportunity of seeing them is either at their houses or at church. Some of them are rather handsome, but there is very little indeed of the beauty of Castile and Aragon. The laboring classes, or rather the classes who ought to labor and be laborers, are a brawny, vigorous set of fellows, whose naked skins shine in the sunlight like so much ebony. There is muscle enough in the Republic to make it ten times more productive than it is, but it needs intelligent direction and management.

THE ANNEXATION SENTIMENT.

We were not surprised to find the American colony and their descendants at Samana anxious and eager for annexation, for it was to be expected that they who were at one time of us and with us should be eager to be once more a part and parcel of the Republic; but we have been more than surprised and astonished at the wonderful unanimity of the people here. The Commissioners have examined witness after witness; taken the story of soldier and of priest, of merchant and trader, of laborer and mechanic; have called the farmer from his farm and the workman from his workshop, questioned him closely on the subject, asked him what he individually thought about it, and what his neighbors thought, and the universal cry that comes up from all the land is a cry to God for war, a cry for peace, a cry for annexation. Men of every descent, of all complexions and religions, and no religions at all, bear the universal testimony that in annexation to the United States lies their only hope. Mr. SUMNER says, "It would be cruelty to the black man." I wish he could hear the black man's own testimony, listen to him tell the tale of his army life while his crops rot at home, the hours and the days that should be given to education and industry spent in watching CABRAL on the frontier line of Hayti. The greatest cruelty that can possibly be practiced on the black man in San Domingo is to keep him as he is, and the greatest of his moral oppressors at the present day is Mr. SUMNER.

AVERSION TO HAYTI.

The San Domingo black will have no alliance with the black of Hayti. I do not know the reason or the cause; I only know what the blacks themselves say. The Commissioners have sought to solve the mystery, but they have only succeeded in developing the fact that an unconquerable aversion, amounting to positive hatred, between the two peoples, exists, and that there is no possible chance of affiliation or unity between them, no remote probability even that they can ever grow into the homogeneity that Mr. SUMNER dreams will come with time and patient watching and education.

NO ANTI-ANNEXATION.

The testimony and the information which come to the Commission are so overwhelmingly in favor of annexation,—at least as far as the popular expression goes,—that they have more than once decided to hear no more on that side of the question, and all the examinations now are made merely for the purpose of finding out, if possible, some real, tangible opposition.

We hear an occasional whisper that some one is opposed to annexation, but the most rigorous investigation and inquiry cannot find him. I do not know whether it is fear of the Baez Government and of the Castle of Columbus, of banishment to St. Thomas, beyond the limits of the Republic, but certain it is that there is no anti-annexationist, no anti-annexation party, that has the courage or the strength to assert himself or itself and obtain a hearing.

MR. SUMNER'S FRIENDS.

The "wharf merchants," as they are called, men who trade with St. Thomas, and make all the money that is made, are said to favor CABRAL, and to be opposed to annexation, but it is not because they love CABRAL or annexation less, but because they love themselves more. They see, or think they see, in union with the United States an end to the profitable traffic they now carry on; they dread American enterprise and industry, American competition; they foresee the time when the poor farmer and the poor laborer will not be entirely at their mercy, as he is now, when he will demand a recompense for his toil, and receive it in something besides a yard of cotton cloth or a bottle of rum, and they are naturally anxious to maintain that condition of affairs which favors their own interest and enables them to amass comparative fortunes. Mr. SUMNER is today the upholder of this class of men. The negroes of San Domingo are the slaves of the shop-keeper, and the servitude is as grinding and as galling as ever Southern slavery was.

CABRAL AND BAEZ.

But, according to all that the Commission can hear and obtain, CABRAL himself and the friends of CABRAL desire annexation. They oppose it now because it has been brought forward by BAEZ. As between BAEZ and CABRAL, the people of the Dominican Republic are undoubtedly in favor of the former. It is urged that there is no free speech here, and that public opinion is stifled, but freedom of speech does prevail here. CABRAL'S nephew, and other near members of his family reside in this city, within two hundred yards of the President's house, but no one interferes with them, and no one will interfere with them as long as they perform all the duties which a citizen ought to perform, and yield obedience to the law. Cautious merchants and hotel-keepers, they who have done business under CABRAL and under BAEZ, who ever shout "The King is dead, live the King!" take the wise precaution of posting in their stores and bar-rooms the notice: *Se prohibe hablar de politica*, "Political discussion is forbidden." Some see, or imagine they see in this, Mr. SUMNER'S "dance of blood," and BAEZ'S atrocious despotism.

THE LEADER IN THE "DANCE OF BLOOD."

Mr. BAEZ, in the estimation of Mr. SUMNER, is a political jockey. This "jockey," ruling against the wishes of his people, as we were told in the luminous speech of the Massachusetts Senator, presiding over and leading a "dance of blood," appears on the streets every day. He does not seem to be a very terrible person, and his countrymen appear to be on very good terms with him. On any morning in the week he may be seen in a store or on the side-walk, chatting familiarly and pleasantly with his fellow-citizens, without formality and without pretension. No guard accompanies him, and I do not think he wears a shirt of mail to save himself from the dagger or the bullet of the patriot, in this country of "black cut-throats," according to the well-informed junior Senator from Delaware. His entire Cabinet is composed of popular men. GAUTIER, Secretary of State, is a man of wealth and great ability; and DELMONTE, speaking English with eloquence and precision, is a most superior person. BAEZ is not understood in the United States. His countrymen unanimously called him to his present position from France. He has held the office of President three times, and is more popular today than any other man in the Republic.

WORK OF THE COMMISSION.

The Commissioners are doing their work thoroughly. Every day since we came here they have been steadily making investigations into the debt, the extent of the public lands, the resources of the country, the character of the people, and all the other points covered by the Congress resolution. Upward of fifty people have been examined and one hundred delegations received from various places in and around San Domingo, religious societies and trades-unions, all coming voluntarily, speaking neither French nor English, and all, in answer to the request of Mr. WADE, holding up their hands for annexation. Representatives of every class of the population have been examined, the Vicar-Apostolic of the Catholic Church, the colored Methodist clergymen, old men seventy years of age, and young men not twenty-five, merchants and doctors, laborers from the wharf and farmers from the interior, and from all comes the universal expression of sentiment that their only hope is in annexation. Expeditions have been sent to various parts of the country under the management and direction of competent men—Gen. SIGEL to AZUA, and Prof. BLAKE, of the State Department, with several assistants to report on special topics across the country to Puerto Plata. President BAEZ has laid before the Commission the reports of Prof. GABB on the geological survey of the country, and Mr. GABB himself has given testimony on various points and topics of interest. The concessions of land to various parties, made years ago, are being investigated; the Fabens and Sullivan leases have been submitted to the Commission by the President, and no attempt is made to conceal anything, for the reason that there is nothing to conceal.

RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY.

The various reports which have been made to the Commission on the resources of the country all go to show that its great wealth has not been in the least exaggerated. There is some doubt and conflict of opinion as to its mineral riches, but the fact is that the soil of San Domingo is its richest mine, and that, with peace and security to life and property, capital and, most of all, energy, it can be made the garden of the world. Ten miles from this city there are vast plantations of sugar and coffee lying idle, abandoned by their owners on account of the unsettled condition of society. The woods are full of mahogany of immense value, logwood and lignum-vitæ, in all of which a little trade is now done.

THE LABOR QUESTION.

The great question, however, is the labor question. There are some who maintain that the white man cannot live in the tropics, and that the black will work only under the lash. Dr. NEWCOMBE, of Cornell University, who is charged with the investigation of the sanitary portion of the report, is of the opinion that the climate is not unhealthy, and that with a few ordinary precautions the white man can labor here and live here to a green old age. San Domingo City he considers not an unhealthy place, and the vital statistics bear out his theories and views in every respect. Intelligent persons here assure me that labor can be had for twelve dollars per month, and some gentlemen just arrived from Puerto Plata say they met there Cuban planters who intend to make large investments in San Domingo, in case it shall be annexed to the United States. Colored laborers they believe will come from all the surrounding islands, so that after all this labor question is not so great an objection as it is supposed to be, and does not present insurmountable obstacles.

MR. WADE'S SUMMING OF RESULTS.

Mr. WADE has summed up to two or three journalists, this evening, the results thus far. Said he:

The President, by authority of Congress, sent us down here to investigate the condition of the country. We have pursued that investigation as fully and as earnestly as possible. First of all, we find BAEZ President of this Republic *de facto*—it is not our duty to say or to inquire whether he is the *de jure* President or not. He is in peaceful possession of it, directing its army, such as it is; controlling the finances, such as they are; performing all the functions of Government. Then we find that the people are all in favor of annexation; that a vote was taken on the question twelve months ago; that the people understood the question unanimously in favor of it, and are more vehement and enthusiastic in their desire to be annexed today than they were then; that its debt will be fully covered by one million and a half of dollars; that the country is a healthy country; that concessions of land were made to a railroad company, which, by the non-performance of the contract, are utterly worthless; that a contract was entered into by the Government with a company in New-York to survey the whole territory, in consideration of which it was stipulated that one-fifth of the public lands should be given to them, and the contract is not very clear on this point—one-fifth of all the mineral wealth—but we did not come to adjudicate upon that. We find that San Domingo is rich beyond all comparison—richer and more fertile in each than any of the surrounding islands; that in the interior are large mahogany tracts, of immense value, and immense quantities of other valuable kinds of timber. "Now," said Mr. WADE, "you, gentlemen, are making your own investigations, and you may possibly know something which I do not know about this place. Are not the facts as I have stated them?"

"Yes," said a journalist who looks on annexation with unfriendly eye, "but there is the exception. You say that the people are strongly in favor of annexation. But I know this.—I have had access in one way or another to several persons here, to gentlemen who would not come openly before your Commission and oppose annexation, and they have assured me that there is a strong opposition to the annexation of this country to any foreign Government. Some of them appeared before you and told you one thing and in a few minutes afterward told me the very reverse of what they told you."

"Well," said Mr. WADE, with unanswerable logic, "we did not summon them, we did not send for them; they came to us voluntarily, and I cannot so far understand their motives in coming before us and saying one thing, making an argument against their own interests, and then turning around and saying directly the opposite. I cannot understand it."

"Well," said the anti-annexationist, "I have no doubt that the majority are in favor of annexation, but there is a minority which could give trouble."

The warlike "minority" who are to give "trouble" to the United States ought to be on the border with CABRAL. That chieftain has called on them to rise in their might and resist us, but they prefer to stay at home, to sell fruit and merchandise to the newspaper representatives.

I do not know what the report of the Commissioners will be, but to all intelligent persons here Mr. SUMNER'S argument against the schemes is extremely silly, that of Mr. SCHURZ a philosophical extravagance, and that of Mr. BAYARD an absurdity. Mr. MORTON alone seems to have realized the magnitude and importance of annexation. J. P. F.

Consultation as to Further Proceedings—Exploring Parties—A Slight Hitch—The Commission Expects to Reach Home About the Middle of April.

SAN DOMINGO CITY, (Feb. 14.—The Commission met last evening and exchanged views in regard to the work remaining to be done, and the propriety of forwarding a parliamentary report. The investigation so far as made, and particularly the result of the past few days begins to open a wider field than was expected at the first of the week, and it was agreed to name the middle of April as the time of arrival in Washington. Upon the question of a brief report by the mail, it was decided not to send it in view of the fact that considerable important information, but just obtained, might materially modify any report made up from what had been fully considered. The Secretary of State was addressed in a brief letter giving in outline the work already done, and the list of expeditions sent into the interior, together with the objects of each. The date named above was also communicated as the probable time of reaching home.

EXPLORING PARTIES.

The parties now out officially are the following: Prof. BLAKE, with geological party, and Prof. CRANE, for the Commission, are on their way across the island to Puerto Plata. Prof. WARD is exploring La Vega. Gen. SIGEL has gone to AZUA, and Profs. MARVIN and MILLER have gone in the same direction, with the view of examining the copper region. Dr. PARRY is making a thorough botanical examination, and Dr. NEWCOMB is pursuing medical researches in various directions.

OBSTACLES APPEARING.

While thus far the bulk of the testimony taken indicated a very favorable condition of affairs, certain information, the exact character of which the Commission does not make known, has been obtained, which, in the minds of some of its members, introduces obstacles which earlier testimony did not promise. The Haytian complication is occupying the serious attention of the Commission, and the intention now is to devote much more time to its investigation than was at first agreed upon. Full transcripts of such Government records as relate to leases, concessions or grants of land for railroads have been taken. They are very numerous.

The expectation is that the Commission will sail in the *Tennessee* for Azua, on Thursday or Friday of this week. The officers and crews of the *Tennessee*, *Nantucket* and *Tenific*, now all in this harbor, are ready. Mail matter forwarded at once to Santiago de Cuba, in care of the United States Consul there, via Havana, Cuba, will be the next opportunity of communicating with the Commission. After that, letters should be addressed to the Commission, in care of SPOFFORD BROTHERS & CO., No. 19 Broadway, New-York, up to March 1, will be forwarded by them in the *Tybee*, sailing on March 2.

A DEBT UNPAID.

President BAEZ has called the attention of the Commission to the fact that the second payment for Samana has not been made. This violation of faith, as it is regarded here, has seriously embarrassed BAEZ, and left nearly all his officers without pay. The opinion of the Commission seems decided that the money should be paid immediately.

A NEW STEAM-SHIP.

Launch of the Largest Vessel Built on the Mersey.

We find in a Liverpool paper an account of the launching of the largest vessel ever built on the banks of the Mersey. Indeed, with the exception of the *Great Eastern*, no longer craft floats in any waters of the world. The new ship is the screw steamer *Egypt*, built for the service of the National Steam-ship Company between Liverpool and New-York. All the vessels of the Company's fleet are of great size, but this latest addition is more immense than any of the others. The *Egypt* is in length over all 440 feet, on the load line 435 feet, beam 44 feet, depth of hold 36 feet, gross measurement 4,146 tons. This enormous vessel, will be propelled by engines of nominally 500 horse-power, but capable of working up to 2,500 horse-power. They are on the compound principle of high and low pressure, and will be supplied with steam from six boilers, arranged in two sets of three each. The boilers will be fired at each end, and will carry a pressure of seventy-five pounds per square inch. The engines are expected, from the fine lines and great length of the vessel, to drive her at from twelve to thirteen knots an hour during her voyages in ordinary weather. The great length to which ships have reached since the general adoption of iron for building them has made the straight stem a necessity on account of the difficulty of turning very long vessels in dock, and the *Egypt* is an instance of the new fashion. The National Company evidently anticipated a very large emigration to America from Europe, for their vessels have most extensive accommodation for passengers. Thus the *Egypt* will be fitted for 190 first-class and 1,400 steerage passengers, for whose comfort and safety during the Atlantic voyage every provision will be made. Indeed, the principal cabins will be fitted with every adjunct to ease and luxury. Hard to encounter the severe Winter storms of the Atlantic while loaded with heavy cargoes, the *Egypt* has been constructed with every regard to strength and safety. She is a complete four-decker. The upper deck is a flush spar deck fore and aft, with no obstructions save the cabin entrances and skylights. This and the deck below are strongly plated with steel and planked with pine. The two lower decks are plated with iron amidships, where the strain of the machinery comes, and are also decked over the same as the upper decks. The saloons, state-rooms and officers' rooms will be heated with steam piping, which is found more effective, safer by far than dangerous in a heavy seaway than stoves. The report read at the Sailors' Home meeting the other day gave various reasons for the diminution in the numbers of the "true British sailor," but it left out of account one very potent reason, namely, the substitution, in a great measure, for the "old Jack Tar" of our fondest traditions, of the steam sailor. It is amazing how much work on shipboard, besides loading and discharging cargo, can now be done by steam. The steam winch will as easily hoist a heavy topsail-yard as a bale of cotton, "at the pull" is heard oftener and more certain than that to the tune of "Yo, heave ho!" The *Egypt* has five steam winches, and two steam capstans and windlasses of MAYNER'S make. The *Egypt* will have two funnels, (fore and aft,) and four masts. The forward masts, still called the fore and main, will be square-rigged; the two after ones, known as the mizzen and jigger, will have a polacca rig. Tar lower yards and lower topsail-yards—the national boats having adopted the American double-topsail-yard principle, are made of steel plates, thus securing strength and lightness. All the lower masts are of iron plates. The vessel will have steering apparatus, both amidships and aft, for though the former position is best for lookout when steering on rivers or channels, there is a prejudice still in favor of the after-steering gear in the open sea, as acting more directly upon the rudder. All the steering apparatus will be of the most modern approved description. Indeed, throughout the vessel the work is of the highest class, for the company are their own insurers, and having so many ships they take care that it by having the best possible material. The *Egypt* is said to be almost paid for out of the premiums saved from payment to underwriters. The keel of this ship of 5,000 tons was laid in March, 1870, she was launched on the 9th of February, and in six weeks probably she will be ready for her trial trip. She is considered in many respects the finest piece of naval architecture ever constructed in the Mersey, and a tribute to her nobleness was paid in the pilgrimage of 4,000 or 5,000 people to the extreme south end of the port to witness her launch yesterday. The day was beautifully fine, but the strong wind from north-north-west was rather sharp, and tried the stamina of those who had to wait nearly three-quarters of an hour beyond the time (1 o'clock) at which the launch was fixed to take place. At last, everything being ready, and the river clear of obstructing craft, the rope which held the weights above the trigger was cut by Mrs. C. E. DIXON, who immediately afterward dashed a bottle of sparkling Moselle against the vessel's prow, and wished "Success to the *Egypt*!" For a moment or two there was a critical pause; then the huge vessel moved to "feel herself on the ways," a slight downward motion commenced, and in the most stately manner, but with gradually increasing speed the great argosy glided down 800 feet of ways and then was fairly afloat. The "dip," as her bow left the ways, was much less than usual, as the water came forward to "feel herself on the ways." A

THOMAS, THE MURDERER.

Argument on the Appeal at General Term—Decision Reserved.

The case of JOHN THOMAS, the colored man now under condemnation of death in the Tombs, for the murder of another colored man named JOHNSON, came up for argument in the General Term of the Supreme Court, yesterday, on an appeal from the decision of Judge SUTHERLAND, refusing a writ of error and stay. On behalf of the prisoner, Mr. J. A. GOODLETT, his counsel, contended that he (the prisoner) was entitled to a reversal of the judgment and a new trial in his case, on the following grounds:

First—It was error in the Court, on the trial of the cause, to reject the juror as incompetent on his stating he had conscientious scruples against capital punishment, when he said his conscientious scruples would not preclude him from finding a verdict where the penalty was death, if the evidence under the instructions of the Court should justify such verdict. It restricted the trial of capital cases to jurors only, whose sentiments and opinions, political as well as religious, were in harmony and accord with the law of capital punishment. The twelfth section of the third article of the R. S., p. 720, is an express enactment defining the source and covering the class of cases where religious belief and conscientious scruples flowing from such religious belief are made grounds of incompetency of persons professing such belief. Outside of that section of the statute there is no disqualification of a juror arising from conscientious scruples from religious belief paramount to and irreconcilable with the enforcement of the law of capital punishment. If the conscientious scruples of a juror be deemed sufficient to render him incompetent, without its being shown to result from religious belief, it is only available on a challenge of the juror calling for the interposition of the Court to exercise its discretion. There was no challenge of the juror. (O'Brien vs. The People, 48 vol. Barb. R., 274; Watson case, 22 N. Y. Rep., 161; Dancer's case, 13 Wendell R., 351.)

Second—The Court erred in not quashing the indictment, for the reasons stated, that it did not charge murder to have been committed in the language of the statute, or as known and defined at common law, viz.; of malice aforethought. It omitted aforethought. (People vs. Enoch, 13 Wendell, p. 172.)

Third—The Court erred in refusing to give to the jury the ninth request asked for the defendant, (that they must find a verdict of murder in the second degree.) It took away from the jury an aspect of the case under the evidence, which they should have been allowed to consider in the second and third subdivisions of section 5, of R. S. defining murder in the first degree, were not applicable by the evidence to the case, and the jury should have been permitted, if they did not believe the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree under the first subdivision of section 5, one of manslaughter in the second degree; that the killing to have been justifiable homicide, to have found whether it was not done under such circumstances as would make it murder in the second degree.

Fourth—The verdict of the jury is unsustained and unwarranted by the evidence. The jury rested on a single statement of the witness, Halsey, a witness for the prosecution, in arriving at the intention, on the part of the defendant, to take the life of the deceased, while they overlooked or gave no weight of consideration to that part of the witnesses' testimony of what the defendant said, which stated his conduct and conversation, which evinced his condition and state of mind at the time he made to the witness his threat or statement. (People vs. Parcell.) Decided at present term of General Term of Supreme Court.

Mr. GOODLETT further argued that the circumstances in this case were so strong, if not stronger, in favor of a new trial than in the case of Parcell, in which the Court had just reversed the judgment of Judge DARVIN, and granted a new trial, on the ground that the verdict was against the weight of evidence. He concluded his argument with a strenuous appeal for the strict enforcement of the law in all cases of the taking of human life.

The Court will probably render a decision on Monday next.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Report on Evening Schools—The Vote of Mr. Wood's Resolutions.

The New-York Board of Education met at 4 P. M. yesterday, Mr. SMITH in the chair. A communication was read from the City Superintendent, stating that during the past month [illegible] excellent, 119 good, 11 fair, and 20 indifferent. The discipline was found to be [illegible] commendable, but the management ineffective. The whole number of pupils on register was 9,696, of whom 5,811 were reported to be sufficiently regular in their attendance for examination. The Superintendent concludes by saying that "while the evening schools have done a very material and important work this winter, I think that they should be much better classified than they have been in order to accomplish all that should be expected of them." He also suggests that the schools should be kept open until the 1st of March. The report was ordered to be placed on file.

The Committee on Studies, &c., reported against Mr. WOOD's resolutions confining the analysis of sentences to pupils of the first and second grades, directing that spelling and reading books be provided in script characters, and also directing that hereafter the classes in the normal schools be examined by the City Superintendent and his assistants twice in each year.

Mr. WOOD said he had voted for the increase of the salaries of the Superintendent and his assistants under the idea that two examinations were to be made during the year. If this was not going to be done, the [illegible] ought to be done, that the salaries should be reduced to [illegible]

[illegible] were then adopted. The last report was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The nominations of Mrs. ELIZABETH A. [illegible] Principal of female department of Grammar School No. 3, Ninth Ward; Miss M. J. DA[illegible] Vice-Principal of said school; and Miss [illegible] A. HILTON as Vice-Principal of senior department of Grammar School No. 41 in the Ninth Ward, were confirmed.

The Board then adjourned.

Prof. JOHN LORD delivered another of his historical lectures yesterday morning at Association Hall, corner of Fourth-avenue and Twenty-third-street, before a very large and interested audience. His theme was "Oliver Cromwell." The lecturer did not confine himself exclusively to this subject, but treated generally of the many interesting historical and religious incidents connected with this epoch of English history, beginning with the reign of CHARLES and terminating with the execution of that unfortunate Monarch. Adverting to the religious condition of Britain at this period, he described the character of CHARLES to be contained in the theory of the "divine right of Kings," with high ritualistic convictions, which a logical mind would have conformed to Romanism. Rapidly sketching the difficulties he encountered from the opposition of his Parliament, through his tyrannous and oppressive legislation, Dr. LORD traced the inception of the revolution which resulted in the decapitation of CHARLES and the elevation of CROMWELL to the position of Protector of the realm. CROMWELL, he said, possessed ability of as remarkable an order as that of NAPOLEON, was fervently attached to his convictions, with a deep-seated hatred of Catholicism, was intensely patriotic, and entered into the spirit of the revolution with such ardor and evinced such military genius as soon raised him to the highest position in the party. The battle of Protestantism in England. The lecturer defended the execution of CHARLES under the plea of necessity, and urged that, had the fortunes of war rendered him victorious a similar fate awaited the leaders of the Puritan party. He denied that in any sense CROMWELL could be considered an usurper as some writers had sought to prove, and in conclusion observed, that the movement which produced his fame originated a spirit in England to which much of her subsequent greatness might well be traced.

Another Contested Will Case Before the Surrogate—A Large Estate Involved—An Interesting Litigation in Prospect.

Proceedings in the matter of the contested will of BRIAN MCCAHILL, deceased, were inaugurated yesterday before Hon. R. C. HUTCHINGS, and the case formally opened. No testimony was, however, taken, and the session was a brief one. The examination of witnesses will begin on Friday, March 3, to which day an adjournment was taken. The case promises to be an interesting one, if from no other cause, from the large amount of property involved. Mr. MCCAHILL, the deceased, who died in this City in January last, was an old and well-known resident of the Nineteenth Ward. Entering largely into real estate speculations, he was fortunate in his investments, and his estate, it is estimated, is worth about $700,000. Just prior to his death he executed a will by the terms of which he divided his property among his relatives, giving a large share to his son, THOMAS J. MCCAHILL, legacies to various nephews and nieces, and also legacies to different Catholic charitable institutions. To Mrs. MCCAHILL, however, widow of the deceased, a life interest in the late residence of the testator, with the furniture therein and $1,200 a year, is all that is left. The widow is the main contestant of the instrument in question, although some other surviving relations also put in a claim that they have not been properly remembered. The executors named in the will are Messrs. THOS. J. MCCAHILL, Rev. Father MCMAHON and JAMES BRADY. The grounds of the contest are not yet developed. No allegations having as yet been filed. It is understood, however, that undue influence and mental incapacity will be made the issue. The following lawyers appeared in the case yesterday for the parties respectively named: For the executors, A. J. VANDERPOEL, Esq.; for Mrs. MCCAHILL, widow of the deceased, MARGARET MCMAHON, surviving sister of the testator, and her children, and for CHAS. RILEY, JAMES RILEY and ANN RILEY, nephews and niece of the deceased, Messrs. FLANAGAN and HARNEY; for MARY CURTIN and ELLEN LEONARD, nieces of testator, and for BRYAN MCCAHILL, a son, Judge THOS. A. LEDWITH.

STATEN ISLAND IMPROVEMENT.

An Adjourned Meeting of the Commission—Two Bills Presented by the Legislative Committee—Their Essential Points.

There was a meeting of the Staten Island Improvement Commission, at No. 9 Nassau-street, yesterday. The first item in the special business, Mr. S. SIMPSON's proposition to amend the eleventh article of the by-laws, was passed over until a future meeting, on motion of Mr. Mr. SIMPSON, to afford time for the transaction of the important business on hand.

Mr. PRENTICE then arose to read a report from the majority of the Legislative Committee, and signed by him, Messrs. MARTIN and HEADLEY. Before he read, however, Mr. WESTERVELT begged leave to state that, dissenting from certain portions of that document, the minority, through him, desired also to report. Mr. PRENTICE then read, as from the majority—

"An act to provide for laying out roads, streets, and avenues on Staten Island, and to designate the location of such, survey and finish as may be necessary for the use and health of the residents of said island, and to ascertain and lay out such lands as are required to provide for a future supply of pure water for the residents thereof, and to make tax maps of all the real estate on said island for the purpose of insuring a better apportionment and collection of the taxes in said county, and appointing commissioners and providing means to perform said work."

This act empowered these Commissioners to cause to be made as speedily and economically as practicable, an accurate and detailed survey of the whole of Staten Island, employing such engineers, surveyors and other agents as may be necessary, and paying them such compensation as shall be reasonable and just for all work performed, no debt being contracted therefor. From such survey shall be made: First—An exact road map, showing all existing roads or streets on the island, and a plan for the new roads, streets and avenues required and necessary to lay out the island into convenient blocks. Second—A separate map or maps of all lands on Staten Island required for the purpose of providing and preserving a supply of pure water shall be so drawn as to show the limits of each naturally separate water district and the quantity of water contained in each. The lands so designated for supplying water shall be suitably described on the road map, and the Commissioners shall cause to be erected suitable monuments to fix the boundaries of the lands so designated by them. Third—A separate set of maps for the use of the Board of Supervisors, Assessors and Tax Collectors of Staten Island, to be designated "Tax Maps of Staten Island," shall be so prepared as to show the size and boundary of each person's real estate on said island, on the plan of the tax maps of the City of New-York. Whenever any [illegible] shall be of a portion of any plot or lot [illegible] designated as one piece on said tax map, [illegible] vide it into lots for the purpose of sale, after the tax maps are filed in the County Clerk's office of [illegible] within thirty days after making such subdivision, file in the County Clerk's office of Richmond County an exact [illegible] of such subdivision, showing the number of each lot, the name of the owner, the number of the block, the exact [illegible] and location of the piece or pieces of land so surveyed, with the name of the grantee marked on each piece, and in case of division into lots the shape, size and location of all such lots; which diagram shall have indorsed thereon an affidavit of some surveyor that said diagram is correct and true. Any person failing to comply with this requirement shall remain personally liable for all taxes and assessments laid upon the land sold, the same as though such sale had never been made until such diagram shall be filed. Fourth. The Commissioners shall cause to be indicated on the road map, by suitable lines for that purpose, the bounds and direction of each stream and drains as may be deemed necessary for the proper drainage of said island. [illegible]

[illegible] such times and in such manner as they shall be called for, by a resolution adopted by three or more of said Commissioners, and on the order of the several Commissioners signing the requisition for each particular warrant, but the warrants shall not be issued to an amount exceeding in all the sum of $[illegible]. The Board of Supervisors are authorized and directed, in their annual assessment for the year 1871, to assess and collect from said upon all the real and personal estate in said county, liable to taxation, this sum. The Commissioners shall, upon the completion of the work, make a detailed report under oath of their proceedings to the Legislature of New-York, accompanied with such suggestions and recommendations as they may think proper for the action of the Legislature.

This report was accepted.

Then Mr. WESTERVELT read the minority report, which was entitled "An act to appoint Commissioners to make a survey of Richmond County and certain maps therefrom, and to report a plan for laying out Staten Island, and securing a water supply for the inhabitants thereof."

The essential difference of the bill from that presented by Mr. PRENTICE is contained in section 2: "The said Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to proceed with all convenient speed to cause a full and accurate survey to be made of the whole of Staten Island, wherever [illegible]

1. An accurate road and drainage map of Staten Island, showing the location, width and grade of all existing public roads or highways and all existing lines of drainage and water courses, natural or artificial.

2. A map of each naturally separate water district of said island, and [illegible] lands needed [illegible]

3. A map of each [illegible] or parcel of land in said county—designating the same by letters or numbers, or both, as may be found most convenient—said tax map to be prepared in such form as may be convenient for its use in assessing property in said county, and with a view to the designation of property assessed by the numbers or letters by which the same may be designated on said tax map.

Sec. 10. Upon the completion of the maps provided for by the last preceding section, a copy of each shall be made under the direction of the said Board, and the original and copy shall each be signed by said Commissioners or by a majority of them, and the originals shall be deposited and filed in the office of the Clerk of Richmond County, and the copies shall be deposited and filed in the office of the Secretary of State, Albany.

Considerable discussion here arose because of Mr. WESTERVELT's motion to consider his bill section by section, rather than Mr. PRENTICE's. Messrs. MARTIN, SIMPSON and WLTER favored Mr. PRENTICE's bill, while Prof. WILCOX and Hon. FAGNAN supported the motion. It was finally lost, and the first document was taken up to be perfected. It was moved and carried that the title of Mr. WESTERVELT's bill be substituted for that of Mr. PRENTICE. Other corrections were made in a few of the preliminary clauses of the document, and the Commission adjourned to meet again next Saturday, at 1 P. M.

The Fine Arts in the City Hall.

At noon yesterday a portrait of WASHINGTON, said to be by REMBRANDT PEALE, and which, for some time past has been hanging in one of the Common Council committe-rooms, was seized and sold by the Sheriff. The picture has a somewhat curious history. In March, 1870, a resolution was adopted by the Common Council authorizing the Controller to purchase this picture of a Mr. SOMMERS for $1,250. The Controller, however, did not avail himself of the authority delegated to him. A few months since a Mr. FINK brought suit against the CITY for the amount due on the picture, but lost his suits, on the answer being out in that the City had not purchased the picture, and consequently did not owe anything for it, and at the same time the Corporation Counsel asked the Court to make an order compelling the complainant to pay the costs of the suits, $[illegible]. The order was given, and, as Mr. FINK declined to settle up, yesterday the picture was sold to Mr. DAVID J. DEANE for $250. The claim against the City was, it is said, sold to a third party, who is, of course, out of pocket by the transaction.

The City Missions—Interesting Facts and Figures.

On Wednesday evening the City Mission held its monthly meeting in the Beekman Hill M. E. Church. Several of the missionaries narrated incidents of their experiences and observations in missionary labors among the German population, and in hospitals and mission stations, and illustrated the power and value of Christian love and truth in overcoming the evil passions of men, and in reclaiming the abandoned and lost. Mr. LOUIS E. JACKSON, Corresponding Secretary, briefly reviewed the history of city missions, and gave a general view of the practical results. Rev. GEORGE J. MIGENS, Superintendent of Missions, analysed the operations of the Mission, and presented many interesting and encouraging facts. Among the figures of the month's results we note the following: There are forty missionaries, male and female, who make 3,625 visits monthly; seven mission chapels, in which are held 500 services monthly; four mission Sunday-schools, having in charge 1,200 children; eight temperance societies, with 4,000 pledged members enrolled; three mission churches and 300 communicants; one [illegible] (home); reading-rooms, giving 1,000 lodgings and meals and furnishing 900 readers; 900 families and 1,000 persons aided, &c.

THE BUILDING RECORD.

Proposed New Buildings.

The following is a list of new buildings proposed for erection in this City since the last report, and for the week ending Thursday, Feb. 23, 1871:

BROWN-STONE FRONTS.

Fourteen first-class dwellings, south side of One Hundred and Twelfth-street, 105 feet west of Fourth-avenue, three stories and basement, 16 by 34; JOHN M. FIELDER, owner.

Six first-class dwellings, north side of One Hundred and Eleventh-street, 125 feet west of Fourth-avenue, three stories and basement, 16 by 43; JOHN M. FIELDER, owner.

Five first-class dwellings, south-west corner of Fifth-avenue and Fifty-sixth-street, four stories and basement; CHARLES DUGGIN, owner.

One tenement-house, No. 222 East Fifty-fifth-street, four stories, 20 by 45; WM. HALL, owner.

BRICK FRONTS.

One second-class dwelling, No. 199 Madison-street, two stories, 20 by 34; LEWIS P. BENNY, owner.

One second-class dwelling, No. 288 East Houston-street, (rear,) three stories, 19.4 by 30; LEWIS HOFFMAN, owner.

Two stores and tenements, north side of Spring-street, 50 feet 8¾ inches east of Marion-street, five stories and basement, 25.3 by 81; CHARLES HUBER, owner.

Two stores and tenements, Nos. 63 and 65 Avenue C, five stories, 24 by 62; M. QUENZER, owner.

One first-class store, No. 14 Desbrosses-street, four stories, 24.3 by 50; MC SIMPSON, owner.

One factory, Nos. 60 and 62 Columbia-street, five stories, 50 by 85; GEO. RIMS, owner.

One factory, No 201 Broome-street, corner of Eldridge, two stories, 25 by 18; DOERRICH & SCHNELL, owners.

One stable south-west corner of Washington and Franklin streets, two stories, 12 by 30; WM. SWAINE, owner.

One stable, No. 209 East Houston-street, (rear,) two stories, 19.4 feet by 50; LOUIS HOFFMAN, owner.

One stable south side of Sixty-third-street, 150 feet west of Ninth-avenue, two stories, 20 by 45; WM. JOHNSON, owner.

One stable, No. 89 Washington-street, (rear,) two stories, 20 by 100; JOHN WOODS, owner.

FRAME BUILDINGS.

One second-class dwelling north side of One Hundred and Twenty-eighth-street, 175 feet east of Seventh-avenue, two stories, 25 by 32; EMMA BOMMER, owner.

One second-class dwelling south side of One Hundred and Sixty-first-street, 100 feet west of Tenth-avenue, two stories, 20 by 25; WM. MCGUINNESS, owner.

RECAPITULATION.

Total No. buildings	41	Tenement-house	1
Brown-stone fronts	20	Stores and tenements	4
Brick fronts	12	First-class store	1
Frame dwellings	2	Factories	2
First-class dwellings	15	Stables	4
Second-class dwellings	4		

Alterations in Buildings.

For the week ending Thursday, Feb. 23, 1871, the following are the only plans of improvement or alterations in buildings submitted at the Department in this City. No alterations are reported where the expense incurred does not exceed the sum of $1,000:

One brick dwelling, No. 215 West Twentieth-street, three stories, 22 by 36, one story to be added; JAMES DALEY, owner.

One brick store and dwelling, No. 94 Rutgers-street, three stories and attic; 24.6 by 45, one story to be added; DAVID F. BAGLEY, owner.

One brick dwelling, No. 426 East Houston-street, 22.4 by 35, store to be made on first floor front; JOHN GAMBEL, owner.

One brick dwelling, No. 429 Eighth-avenue, four stories, 18.6 by 62, store to be made in front; BAR QUENEL, owner.

One brick dwelling, No. 32 Washington-street, three stories and attic, 20 by 40, one story to be added; JOHN WOODS, owner.

One office building, No. 72 William-street, four stories, 21 by 50, to be repaired, injured by fire; F. A. BISHOP, owner.

One store and tenement, No. 229 Bowery, two stories, [illegible] Avenue, between Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets, two stories, 25 by 45, to be used as a livery-stable, estimated at a total cost of $[illegible]; Thos. J. KEYS, owner.

Unsafe Buildings.

Since the last report and for the week ending Thursday, Feb. 23, 1871, the following buildings in this City have been reported as unsafe, in the particulars annexed, at the office of JAMES M. MACGREGOR, Superintendent of the Department of Buildings:

James-street, Nos. 1 and 3, JOHN S. FOSTER, owner; foundation wall bulged, girders and beams rotten.

Chatham-street, No. 175, JOHN S. FOSTER, owner; building in a generally unsafe condition.

Duane-street, No. 207, J. M. WICKHOFF, agent; unsafe awning frame and broken gutter and leader.

Chatham-street, Nos. 134 and 136, Mrs. P. L. VULTE, owner; unsafe and rotten cornice on rear.

Gold-street, Nos. 39 and 41, JOHN W. MASON, owner; front and rear walls badly cracked.

Baxter-street, No. 18, P. L. VULTE, owner; front wall badly bulged and cracked.

Vesey-street, Nos. 90 and 92, STEPHEN BAKER, owner; gutter and Mansard roof slates broken.

Vesey-street, No. 94, EDGAR S. VAN WINKLE, owner; gutter and Mansard-roof slates broken.

Pearl-street, No. 486, JOHN BAXTER, owner; awning rafters broken and cornice rotten.

Pearl-street, No. 472, WM. CLINTON, owner; beams rotten and broken in centre.

Pearl-street, No. 482, Lorillard estate, owner; cornice rotten and liable to fall.

Thames-street, No. 19, W. and E. A. CRUIKSHANK, agents; rear gutter rotten, and leader broken.

Washington-street, No. 169, J. HERMAN SCHUTTE, owner; southerly foundation wall bulged, cracked and surung.

Pearl-street, No. 484, Lorillard estate, owner; north wall badly bulged.

Pearl-street, rear No. 484, Lorillard estate, owner; front and south walls bulged, cracked and unsafe.

Third-avenue, Nos. 494 and 496, WM. THOMSON, owner; coping-stone loose and unsafe.

West-street, No. 196, JOHN CLOUGH, owner; rear wall cracked and broken; lintel broken.

Cherry-street, No. 52, J. D. MINER, owner; balconies connecting front and rear houses rotten.

Bommel-street, (extension,) No. 41, FREDERICK WESSELLS, owner; front wall bulged and sprung, and leader broken.

Pearl-street, No. 496, GEORGE KOPP, owner; rear wall badly cracked, lintel and two basement windows in walls broken.

Pearl-street, No. 492, JOSEPH SORIA, owner; rear wall badly cracked, building settled, window-arch unsafe.

Pearl-street, No. 488, JAMES PRIOR, owner; building settled, all the walls cracked, bulged and unsafe.

William-street, (rear,) No. 126, GEORGE GILFORD, owner; walls cracked and floor-beams improperly supported.

Bleecker-street, No. 128, DAVID SANDS, owner; rear stoop and piazza unsafe and liable to fall.

Third-avenue, No. 1,845, NATHAN RANDELL, owner; north gable end wall bulged.

UNSAFE CHIMNEYS.

James-street, Nos. 1 and 3, John F. Foster, owner; Chatham-street, Nos. 134 and 136, Mrs. P. L. Vulte, owner; Gold-street, Nos. 39 and 41, John W. Mason, owner; Greenwich-street, No. 856, R. Hankin, tenant; Greenwich-street, No. 922, George W. Grimm, owner; Greenwich-avenue, No. 104, M. B. Tompkins, owner; Jones-street, No. 6, Henry Weil, owner; West Twentieth-street, No. 124, Mrs. Jerome, owner; Pearl-street, No. 484, Lorillard estate, owner; Third-avenue, Nos. 494 and 496, Wm. Thomson, owner; Cherry-street, No. 52, H. D. Miner, owner; Barrow-street, Nos. 63 and 64, W. B. Blackwell, owner; Park-street, No. 66, Patrick Cassidy, owner; Pearl-street, No. 496, George Kopp, owner; Stout-street, No. 29, Harris Willison, owner; Park-street, No. 16, W. J. & M. Burke, agents; Pearl-street, rear of No. 494, F. Gerraghty, owner; Pearl-street, rear of No. 496, George Kopp, owner; Pearl-street, No. 498, Catharine Malone, owner; Pearl-street, No. 500, N. J. & M. Burke, agents; East Twenty-fifth-street, Nos. 422 and 424, Jacob Vanderpool, owner; Centre-street, No. 60, John Doyle, owner; Centre-street, No. 86, J. & E. Jones, owners; Centre-street, No. 86, Mrs. Ann Gillen, agent; Pearl-street, No. 508, Charles Parker, owner; Madison-street, No. 189, Henry R. Remsen, owner; Madison-street, No. 193, Michael Ryan, owner.

The Horse Market.

With the first glimpse of favorable weather trade in horses opens in Twenty-fourth-street. As yet much has not been done, but the sales effected were made on easy terms. Salesmen complain of the scarcity of good well-bred harness horses. They say that farmers do not breed them nearly so much as they ought, but that on the contrary the rural districts are full of weedy trotters, that if brought to the Eastern cities would not fetch their traveling expenses. M. S. OTHER reports trade small but improving; sold during past week five head, including two saddle horses; weight fifteen hands, price $450 per head; harness horses from $350 to $500 per head; has on sale fourteen head of very choice harness horses. COMAN & FITCH report trade opening with fair prospects; have on sale sixteen head, including trotters and carriage horses. A. S. CHAMBERLIN, Bull's Head Stables, reports trade in heavy draft horses fair for the commencement of the season; is just now sold out, but telegrams report 100 head of horses on the road for his stables, including heavy Western, Pennsylvania and Canadian horses. Late sales have been effected from $120 to $200 for single horses, and from $400 to $600 for matched pairs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The attendance at the Exchange, yesterday, (Feb. 23,) although not as large as on Tuesday, was nevertheless good, and considerable interest was manifested by those present. Nearly all the property advertised to be sold was disposed of, and the prices, on the average, were better than usual. The following is a report of the day's business:

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO., at public auction, sold a four-story brick house, and the lease of a lot, located on the east side of Madison-avenue, 20 feet north of Twenty-eighth-street, known as No. 41. The lot is 18 by 75 feet, and the house the same front by 55 feet in depth. The lease has six years to run, with covenants for renewal, at an annual ground rent of $190. The property was purchased by E. C. DAVIDGE for $19,600. The same firm next disposed of the premises known as Nos. 290 and 300½ Water-street, between Oliver and Catharine streets, comprising a lot about 50 by 60, upon which are two three-story brick-front houses. The price realized at the sale was $7,400, and the purchaser GEO. BEALE, Jr. The last peace of real estate sold by Mr. MULLER was a two-story frame house and lot, 19 by 102.2, situated on the south side of East Eighty-third-street, between Second and Third avenues, known as No. 220; W. C. JONES bought the premises for $4,300. As the conclusion of the above transactions, Messrs. MULLER & CO. offered for sale the Scranton, Penn., Coal Mine, referred to at length in this column yesterday. The sale embraced the coal in the mine, estimated at 3,000,000 tons; but as the auctioneer stated the mine was supposed to be capable of producing 12,000,000 tons, only three bids were made on the property—the first being one-half cent per ton, and the last one cent. Mr. BENJAMIN DRAKE was the bidder at the last-named figure, and to him the mine was sold at the rate specified—or in other words, for $60,000.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., at public auction, sold quite a large lot of Harlem property as follows: Plot of ground comprising four lots on the south-west corner of One hundred and Nineteenth-street, with a front of 168 feet on the Harlem River, with dock warehouse, &c., thereon, sold to B. J. H. TRASKE for $26,600. A second plot adjoining the above also embracing four lots on the southeast corner of One Hundred and Twenty-first-street, with same river front but lots vacant, was sold to A. R. ENO, for $18,250; two lots in the rear of the last-named plot, located on the south-side of One Hundred and Twentieth-street, 50 feet west of the river, one 43.6 by 100.10, and the other 20 by the same depth were purchased by Mr. TRUSKE for $7,150 and $2,900 respectively. A lot 20 by 100.10, in the rear of the first plot sold, situated on the north side of One Hundred and Nineteenth-street, 104 feet west of the river, was bought by MARTIN FOX for $2,100, and four lots adjoining, of the same size, by Mr. TRUSKE for $1,800 each. The entire property, it was thought, brought very fair figures. Messrs. BLEECKER & CO. also offered three Brooklyn lots, each with a two-story building thereon, located, two on the north side and one on the south side of Willoughby-street, near Adelphi-street, Brooklyn. The lots are 18 feet front by 100 in depth, and the buildings are in good condition. The property was sold to Mr. [illegible] for $[illegible] each.

A. JOURNEAY, also at public auction, disposed of the following City property, at the prices annexed: Premises No. 439 West Thirty-first street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, embracing a lot 25 by 95.6, upon which are two three-story brick tenement-house, one 25 feet front and the other 25 by 23 feet, sold to J. HINMAN for $10,200. Premises No. 441 West Thirty-first-street, between [illegible] avenues, comprising a three-[illegible] brick tenement-house and lot, house 25 by [illegible], lot 25 by 95.6, sold to W. CARPENTER for $9,75[illegible]. Premises No 121 West Twenty-eighth-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, including a lot 25 by 98.9, a four-story and basement brick house, 25 by 40 front, and a two-story and basement brick house 25 by 36, rear, sold to EDGAR T. STEWART for $18,150. This property, it was stated, rents for $2,500 per annum. Premises Nos. 133 and 135, two lots together, 50 by 98.9, with a two-story and basement brick stable upon the rear of each lot, both sold to T. E. SMITH, of the firm of SMITH & CRANE, for $[illegible]. No dower of [illegible] was given, no adequate bid being received; $15,000 was offered as a starter, but rejected.

ROBERTS & MCGUIRE, at a legal sale, by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of GRATE NATHAN, Esq., referee, sold the premises known as No. 40 Essex-street, 50 feet 8 inches south of Grand. The property includes a lot 25 by 87.6, upon which are erected two frame houses. It was purchased by IMBIE & STRONG, for $13,950.

LAWRENCE, OAKLEY & FLEURY, also, at a legal sale, by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of CHAS. T. MIDDLEBROOK, Esq., referee, disposed of a lot, 25 by 102.2, located on the north side of Seventy-fifth-street, 175 feet east of Avenue A; C. B. PEET was the buyer, at $1,600.

S. DINGEE & CO., at an executor's sale, by order of THEODORE ROSS, Esq., executor of the estate of JAMES MORCHIEFF, deceased, sold the business property situated on the north-west corner of Broome and Varick streets. The lot is 21 by 56, and the building thereon covers nearly the entire lot. The premises were purchased by J. GERRERUT, for $13,650, cash.

No additional sales were made, the property known as No. 18 West-street, advertised by H. AL CAMP to be sold, being withdrawn, and with the following adjournments announced the business of the day closed: By JAMES M. MILLER, the sale of a house and lot on Thirty-sixth-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, adjourned until March 9. By E. H. LUDLOW & CO. the sale of a house and lot on Forty-fourth-street, near Broadway, adjourned until March 16. Both of these proposed transactions are legal sales.

In Brooklyn, yesterday, at the Commercial Exchange, No. 289 Fulton-street, at a legal sale, J. COLE, by order of the Supreme Court, in foreclosure, under the direction of WM. PEET, Esq., referee, sold a three-story brick house and lot situated on the north side of Front-street, 875 feet east of Bridge, for $9,675 cash. The purchaser was ALFRED T. DEUBNEY. The price is a good one, as the property is located almost directly opposite the gas works.

Exchange Sales, Thursday, Feb. 23, 1871.

NEW-YORK.

By Muller, Wilkins & Co.

4-story brick house and lease of lot, e. s., No. 41, Madison-av., 20 ft. 1 inch n. of 28th-st.; house 18x50; lot, 18x75	$19,500
2 4-story brick-front houses and lot, n. s., Nos. 290 and 300½ Water-st., between Catharine and Oliver sts.; lot 50.6x50.3	7,000
3-story frame house and lot, s. s., No. 320 East 32d-st., between 2d and 3d ave.; lot 18.6x102.3	4,300

By A. J. Bleecker Son & Co.

Plot of ground, (4 lots,) n. e. corner 119th-st. and Harlem River; street front 104 ft. 1 inch; river front 100 ft.; sold with water rights, also dock and warehouse	$26,600
Plot of ground, (4 lots,) s. e. corner 120th-st. and Harlem River, adjoining above; street front 99 ft.; river front 100 ft.; water rights also sold	20,750
1 lot with buildings thereon, s. s. of 120th-st., 50 ft. 8 in. w. of Harlem River; lot, 24.8x100.1	7,700
1 lot adjoining above, s. s. of 120th-st., 125 ft. 8 inches w. of River; 24x100.10	3,800
1 lot n. s. of 119th-st.; 104 ft. 1 inch w. of Harlem River; lot, 24.6x100.9	3,100
4 lots adjoining above, n. s. of 119th-st., 128 ft. 1 inch w. of river, with buildings thereon; lots each, 24x100.10; $1,900 each	7,600

By J. Journeay.

2 3-story brick houses and lot, e. s., No. 439 West 31st-st., 425 ft. s. of 10th-av.; front house, 25x40; rear house, 25x30; lots, 25x95.6x25x95.6	$10,250
2-story and basement brick house and lot, n. s., No. 319 East 31st-st., 225 ft. e. of 2d-av.; house, 20x40; lot, 20x98.9	8,750
1 4-story and basement brick house, 1 3-story and basement brick house and lot, n. s., No. 121 West 28th-st., 275 ft. w. of 6th av.; front house, 20x40; rear house, 25x35; lot, 20x98.9	18,750
2-story and basement brick stable and lot, n. s., No. 122 West 29th-st., adjoining above; building, 24.8x98; lot, 24.8x98.9	11,250
2-story and basement brick stable and lot, n. s., No. 125 West 28th-st., adjoining above; build. 24x, 35.8x98; lot, 24.8x98.9	11,250

By Roberts & McGuire.

2 frame houses and lots, w. s., No. 40 Essex-st., 53.6 ft. s. of Grand-st., lot 25x87.6	$13,950

By Lawrence, Oakley & Fleury.

1 lot, n. s. 75th-st., 175 ft. e. of Avenue A, 25x102.2	$1,600

By S. Dingee & Co.

Lot, with building thereon, n. w. corner Broome and Varick sts., lot 21x56	$13,650

Brooklyn Exchange Sales, Feb. 23.

BROOKLYN.

By J. Cole, Auctioneer.

3-story brick house and lot n. s. Front-st., 375 ft. e. of Bridge-st., house 22x32, lot 22x100, cash	$9,675

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FIFTY-FIRST-ST., BETWEEN 5TH AND 6TH AVS.—For sale, a three-story brick-stoop brown-stone house, 20x47x100, $23,000.
FRANK G. & DAVISON BROWN,
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A VERY CONVENIENT THREE-story brick house; all improvements; good neighborhood; 7842-st., near 2d-av.; must be sold; only $3,300; only $1,000 cash.
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WEST 31ST-ST.—FOR SALE, A MOST complete English-basement brown-stone house in perfect order, 20.10x57 half block, $26,000.
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FOR SALE—THE FIRST-CLASS PROPERTY Nos. 5, 6 and 7 Middle-lane, 80 feet from Broadway, and having a front on an alleyway of 40 feet, and built in the best and most substantial manner, steam-engine in sub-cellar, of the best construction and the entire building heated by steam, and rented for about $12,500 per annum; can be delivered on 1st of May with half twelve-year lease at above, or with the full rent roll.

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A—EXECUTOR'S SALE—STUYVESANT-SQUARE.—The four-story modern, desirable brown-stone dwelling, with furniture, No. 4 Rutherford-place; lot in fee.
Also, by same estate,
No. 97 East 9th-st., between Broadway and University-place, full-sized dwelling and lot; leasehold.
Also,
$125,000 to loan on bond and mortgage, in sums to suit, at 7 per cent, on City property.
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FOR SALE—A NEW AND VERY ATTRACTIVE first-class house, of extra width, on Columbia College lease, just by 6th-av. It is 22 feet wide, and was built for a friend, of the very best materials, under the superintendence of one of our best architects; is eminently calculated for a gentleman's residence, for which it was contemplated, and the owner has just recently constructed to offer it. The ground rent of the lot is $700 per annum, and has the usual college clauses for renewals, at the end of each term of 21 years. For further particulars apply to E. H. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine-st.

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THE COAL COALITION.

OPERATIONS OF SPECULATORS.

A Combination to Put Up the Price of Coal—Enormous Prices and Great Scarcity—A Prospect of Great Suffering Among the Poor.

Considerable excitement has been caused by recent announcements of the sudden rise in the retail price of coal, which yesterday had reached $13 per ton. There seems to be quite a conflict of opinion about the permanency of this advance. Some of the dealers claim that it will not continue for more than a few days, at the most; others predict a steady increase, basing their prophecy upon the recent gigantic combinations of capitalists. The sudden advance of coal caused a corresponding increase in the price of coke, and an enormous demand. This caused the companies to place the price as high as $4 50 per chaldron. The outrageous exactions of retailers are almost incredible. The poor, who are compelled to purchase in small quantities, pay thirty cents per bucket, at the rate of $26 per ton. The coal-peddlers are even more unconscionable than the monster monopolists. Their action is causing an untold amount of distress as well as ruin to persons and corporations. The increase in the freight, from the mines to the market, has been an excuse for this sudden revolution in prices. Formerly the grocers' retail price was from 12 to 14 cents per bucket, or $12 to $14 per ton.

The latest quotations at wholesale are $10 for egg; $11 to $12 for stove mixed; $13 and $14 for nut and stove. With the present high prices, and the nearly intolerable freight, it is uncertain to what enormous figure the commodity may yet attain. In this connection it should be considered that consumers are caught just at the time when the Winter's supply is nearly exhausted. The intense cold weather has emptied bins much faster than has been anticipated. Should the thermometer maintain its present status much long-er, the sufferings of thousands will be rendered much more acute than can easily be imagined. "Frozen to death" may be an epitaph far more than one family that have heretofore, by economy and industry, laughed the Winter storms from the door, will, only to be exhausted and overpowered by the early Spring hardships.

The supply of coal in Newark is being reduced so rapidly that people are beginning to regard it as a luxury. The price is going up with equal rapidity, but as yet has not got so high as New-York. The largest price paid yesterday was $12. The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company have about 1,200 tons in stock of various qualities. This is the largest stock on hand among the Newark coal dealers, the reserve among the others varying from 300 down to thirty tons. The iron mills at Boonton will be compelled to suspend work next week, unless a supply of coal can be obtained, and so will similar establishments throughout the State. The Hoboken and Jersey City coal-yards are also measingly alike, a great many of them being completely empty.

It is a great pity that the great cities who are suffering from the results of this cruel embargo, but manufacturing interests also are crippled, and great losses are imminent, while it is well known that the enormous consumption of coal will soon exhaust all the supplies on hand in New-York and the other large cities. Beyond that, the problem of the future is too repellant to cope with.

COUNCIL ON THE COAL QUESTION

Meeting of the Operators, Carriers and Manufacturers—The Companies and Interests Represented—A Basis Determined upon for the Payment of Wages—No Interference from Workmen to be Tolerated.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—At an adjourned meeting of the coal operators, coal-carrying companies and iron manufacturers, held at the office of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, in this city, today, there were present Hon. Asa Packer, President, and R. H. Sayre, Superintendent, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad; Samuel Sloan, President, John Bridgis and William E. Storrs, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad; Thos. Dickson, President, and E. W. Weston, Coal Superintendent, of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company; Gen. Jno. Ryan, President, Geo. A. Hoyt, Treasurer, and Jno. B. Smith, General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Coal Company; Franklin B. Gowen, President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company; E. W. Clark, President, L. C. and N. Company; Chas. Parrish, President of the Wilkesbarre Coal and Iron Company; Eugene Bonds, J. K. Siegfried and Wm. Kendrick, Committee of the Schuylkill operators; A. Pardee, Dr. G. B. Linderman, Eckley B. Coxe and J. G. Fell, Committee of Lehigh coal operators; Samuel Thomas, delegate representing the Lehigh iron trade, and Henry C. Robert and Henry Buckous, Committee of the Schuylkill Valley iron trade. Hon. AMASA PACKER was called to the chair, and Mr. WILLIAM H. STORRS was appointed Secretary. After a full interchange of opinions, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Schuylkill region offer to the men of their district for the year 1871 $1 25, the basis adopted upon in November last, sliding up and down at the rate of 10 per cent, that is, when coal is 10 per cent advance and decline in the price of coal at Carbon; provided, that men shall not be paid at Carbon, Lehigh, Schuylkill and Luzerne, at a higher rate than $1 50 per day, and that the men would be entitled to report upon the new basis when coal is $6 per ton, on board, at Philadelphia or Port Johnson.

Resolved, That the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company and the Pennsylvania Coal Company, on their present offer, with a right to modify it from time to time, so as to make wages paid by the ton, equal to the wages established at Carbon, be and the same are hereby accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That we are united in opposing any interference by our men with the management of our works, and that we are in favor of the abandonment of their claims to such control.

It is believed that the above rates will be as nearly as possible equal in all regions.

The meeting, which was perfectly harmonious throughout, adjourned to convene in New-York at the call of the President.

A Benefit for the Newsboys—Dramatic Entertainment at Association Hall.

The volunteer students of the Mount Washington Collegiate Institute last evening gave an elocutionary and dramatic entertainment, for the benefit of the Newsboys' Lodging-house, at Association Hall. The entire affair seems to have been spontaneous on the part of the lads of Dr. GEORGE W. CLARKE'S school, in sympathy with the needs of the homeless, fatherless Street Arabs who day by day cry out newspapers, or "Black 'em—shine 'em up!" and by night but for the Newsboys' Lodging-house would cuddle up in cool-bins or elsewhere, without a better place to sleep. The director of the performance was Prof. MORGAN L. BLOOM; the exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. DEMUS. The prologue, written by Dr. CLARKE, was finely delivered by E. B. RICE. The other principal pieces were: A scene from the tragedy of "Brutus;" "Margaret of Anjou," "Knight of the Garter," and "Rankin," "Little Francis," "The Medical Student," all of which were well rendered. The orchestra was under the direction of Prof. R. B. DODWORTH.

One incident of considerable interest occurred that was not on the programme nor anticipated by the audience. It seems that one of the most stringent rules of the Association is that no theatrical, or parlor plays, with the use of costumes, shall be presented by the lessees. Dr. CLARKE was unaware of this until the agent of the building notified him of the fact and insisted that the performance should stop at once. Dr. CLARKE and other gentlemen—all members of the Association—demurred on the ground that the lads were harmless in the entertainment, and it would be exceedingly unjust to disappoint and dismiss the great audience of friends and relatives. After some lively side-talk, the exercises continued. At their conclusion, Dr. CLARKE made a very mild explanation, saying that Prof. BLOOM had gotten up the entire affair; he knew nothing of prior theatricals, &c., and was confident that neither the audience nor the Association officers would find fault with the lads' performances, and that the receipts would be a substantial benefit for the Newsboy's Fund.

Skating—Novel Display in Brooklyn.

We have had several surprising exhibitions of skatorial skill in the Metropolis of late years, but there has been nothing approaching the astonishing exhibition given at the Brooklyn Rink last night by the champion skater of Michigan, Capt. JOHN MIRON, more widely known in the West, perhaps, as the great stilt-skater. The performances of this new star in the Eastern hemisphere embrace not only an extension of the difficult movements of the American Skating Congress programme, which we are accustomed to see performed at our local skating matches, but also the same display of skatorial feats on skates elevated over two feet from the ice. The programme included the exhibition on the high stilts, then on the medium size, and finally on the ordinary skates, on the latter of which he excels every one of our fancy skaters. He appears at the Rink to-night if the weather admits of skating.

POLITICAL.

Republican General Committee—Investigation by the Subcommittee of Five.

The Subcommittee of the Union Republican General Committee met at the corner of Broadway and Twenty-second-street, last evening, under the following resolution, adopted Feb. 8:

Resolved, That this Committee, properly estimating the fatal effects of suffering its councils to be subjected, in its deliberations to be subjected, to the influence or direction of political adventurers, do hereby refer the matter of the communication from the State Central Committee to a special committee of five, with power to investigate and report back to this Committee, with all convenient speed, in all things fully thereon; and that all persons interested in the same are invited to present themselves before the Committee for hearing and examination.

Gen. JOHN COCHRANE presided. There was a very fair attendance, and the session was harmonious. Gen. COCHRANE stated the objects of the meeting, and said that he would call for the rolls of the First, Second and Third Districts, to see if any objections existed to any name on the roller, or any reason was presented why names of Republicans in the districts should be placed thereon who were not enrolled. After the three districts had been completed, the meeting would adjourn to some future time, when other districts would be taken up.

Mr. A. P. LOCKETT then produced the roll of the First Assembly District, containing 800 names, and stated that inspectors from the Twenty-second and Twenty-third and Twenty-ninth Republican organizations assisted in the preparation of the roll, and no names were placed thereon but those of bona fide members of the Republican Party. There were what were called malcontented Republicans on the Enrolling Committee, but there were no names of persons known to be Democrats on the list. This completed the inquiry respecting the First District, when Mr. MARK LANIGAN, President of the Second District Association, presented his list containing 350 names, and claimed that it contained the names of none but genuine Republicans. Mr. THOMAS MULLIGAN, President of the Third District, submitted the roll of his organization, containing 250 names, which were examined with care, and the resulting inquiries were satisfactory to the Committee. An adjournment was then had to the call of the Chairman.

New-York County Council of the Union League of America.

The New-York County Council of the Union League of America met at their rooms No. 824 Broadway, last evening, the President, Mr. DAVID B. MELLISH, in the chair.

The meeting was largely attended and enthusiastic. Twenty-two new members were initiated, that number including several gentlemen of wide influence.

The leading objects of the organization were stated by the President to be: The securing of the purity of the ballot; opposition to appropriations for sectarian purposes; and to secure the election of honest men to office.

Mr. H. N. BEERS stated that there were a million of voters in the State, and that a large majority were in favor of good government. The thing to be overcome was the apathy of a considerable portion of the majority, and it was necessary that an outside pressure should be brought to bear upon the Republican Party, when it would again gain the confidence of the people and ascendency in the State.

Resolutions were offered by JOSEPH P. JARDINE, Esq., reciting the iniquities of the Croton Water bill, which had just passed the Legislature, and for which several so-called Republicans voted, and calling for an explanation. Mr. JARDINE stated that the bill placed unlimited power and unlimited money in the hands of the notorious corporation, WM. M. TWEED. It would facilitate the colonization of enough illegal voters in Putnam, Dutchess and Westchester Counties, to probably carry the State of New-York for the sham Democracy for several years to come.

The resolutions were referred to the Committee on the State of the Union.

It was announced that the Council will, in future, meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Sixth Assembly District Union Republican Association.

The Sixth Assembly District Union Republican Association held its regular semi-monthly meeting last evening, at the headquarters, corner of Pitt and Broome streets. H. A. SMITH and CHARLES STRONG spoke in favor of the course pursued by Hon. THOMAS MURPHY and the present Administration. Mr. HEALY offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, By the Republicans of the Sixth Assembly District assembled in association, that we heartily approve of the course of the Collector of the Port, THOMAS MURPHY, in the administration of the affairs of his office.

The roll was then called by the Secretary, and the meeting adjourned.

Commissioners of Emigration.

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of Emigration was held today, when the President thanked the members for the honor they had conferred in again electing him as their President, and urged the utmost economy in the management of the institution under their charge. He expressed the opinion that more care should be exercised in the choice of families to whom charge the children of emigrants on Ward's Island were given, and a more frequent examination into the condition of the children. The President was requested to prepare a bill for presentation to the Legislature, for the relinquishment of the interest paid by the Board on the portion of the Quarantine mortgage assumed by the State. The semi-monthly report was as follows:

Number of alien passengers arrived to Feb. 16	4,033
Number of alien passengers arrived since to date	22
Total	4,055
Same date in 1870	4,005

American Institute—Polytechnic Branch.

The Polytechnic Branch of the American Institute met last evening in Room No. 24 of the Institute. Prof. MORTON, of the Stevens Institute, Hoboken, exhibited his vertical lantern for showing cohesion figures, wave-motions and diatomic spectra. The magnetic spectra were developed by means of filings scattered on a glass plate. The effect which is produced in a tank of water where waves are formed was illustrated in an ingenious manner by the use of an India-rubber tube. He developed the properties of an ellipse, producing a combination of reflected waves. The Professor further illustrated the effect of various liquids introduced into a tank of water, such as oil of cinnamon, creosote, camphor, carbolic acid, ether and alcohol.

A paper read at the previous meeting on the steam-engine, by Mr. CHARLES D. POSTON, was next criticised, and Dr. OTT's paper on the "Utilization of Waste Materials" was postponed until the next meeting of the Institute.

The Japanese Merchants—A Visit to the Times Office.

A solid column of Japanese made a descent on the TIMES establishment last night at a late hour, and successively inspected the mammoth presses, engine, &c., in the earth beneath the editorial rooms, and the typographical and stereotyping departments in the heights above. They expressed great wonderment at all they saw, especially the stereotyping process, which was familiarly new to them. Everything about the printing business is a novelty, as in their native land neither types (except in the worst form) nor presses exist. The rapid fitting of the letters in the hands of the nimble printers, from the case to the stick, and thence to galley, column and form, fairly amazed them. "Very foomy," "goode," they frequently exclaimed, in a plat of pleasure and excitement. Several of the party left their cards. Among these were Messrs. HAKIMOTO BUNZO, KADOTA MANZIRIO, YOSHIMAN KOWNEY, ZEBUN HAKUIO, and others that battle Yankee ingenuity to pronounce, spell or read. They are all well-to-do merchants from Yokohama, Japan.

Meeting of the Catholic Clergy—The New Cathedral.

A meeting of the Catholic clergy and representative laics was held, last evening, at the residence of Archbishop MCCLOSKEY, No. 218 Madison-avenue, the Archbishop presiding. The object of the meeting was to adopt some plan for raise funds for the completion of the cathedral. The collections in the different parishes for that purpose have lately dwindled down so much that they scarcely pay current expenses. An energetic movement is now going to be made to raise the requisite funds to complete the edifice, and in all probability this movement will eventuate in the organization of a Catholic Association, having for its object the advancement of the interests of the Catholic Church.

Sympathy for the Family of the Noble Engineer—Contributions Called for.

At a meeting of citizens held on the 23d inst., with reference to presenting some testimonial to the family of the engineer, E. H. SIMMONS, who perished in the discharge of his duty in the late New-Hamburg disaster, it was received that his character and conduct merit public recognition and approval; and that some memorial chronicling them would operate beneficially to others, and be a fitting testimonial to his family, expressing public appreciation of heroic action and of extreme fidelity in the discharge of duty. It was resolved that contributions should not exceed $5 each. A committee was appointed to collect funds. This committee announced that any contributions will be received and acknowledge by J. W. GERARD, Jr., No. 45 William-street.

The Engineers' Protective Society met, last evening, at No. 128 Bowery. Mr. SAMUEL BARNES presided, and Mr. GEORGE LAWRENCE acted as Secretary. After the transaction of some routine business, Mr. JAMES LYNCH offered a resolution expressive of sympathy with the widow and children of ROBERT SIMMONS, the locomotive engineer, who was killed at New-Hamburg. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

THE RING JOBS.

Reticence of the Grand Jury About the Broadway Swindle—Their Authority to Recall the Secret Investigation—How False Affidavits were Obtained—Discovery of New Villainies.

The exclusive report in the TIMES about the sudden check to the investigation of the Grand Jury in regard to the Broadway widening scheme, and the improbability of any indictment being found against any of the Ring conspirators, was confirmed, yesterday, by the final discharge of the Grand Jury for the term by Judge SUTHERLAND, at the Court of Oyer and Terminer, without doing anything toward condemning the plotters of the gigantic frauds, whose infamous conduct has created the most violent indignation against them on the part of honest citizens.

The foreman of the Grand Jury, Mr. JAMES A. SMITH, maintained the strictest silence concerning the investigation, and did not make the slightest allusion to the allegation that it was suppressed through the agency of the Ring. One lawyer and Ex-Tammany official, who heard of the Jury's discharge, remarked that they were pledged by oaths to protect the interests of the public, and that they were compelled morally, if not legally, to disclose what information they obtained about the great "job" during the time they had it under investigation. He intimated that other causes did not permit them to secrecy under the circumstances in question, as it was positively certain that the investigation would not be recommenced before another Grand Jury, and that they were free. If they chose to expose the swindle at any time. He expressed a hope that some of the members of the Grand Jury would take this view of the subject, which was a proper one, and would hasten to reveal the facts connected with the villainous "job," which were furnished to them. In conclusion, he cited the oath which they took, binding them to protect the interests of the public "without fear, favor, hope or reward."

It was alleged by an indignant tax-payer, yesterday, that the Ring not only committed robbery in the Broadway scheme, but that they also had the audacity to unborn men to commit perjury. In support of his assertion he mentioned that when persuaded not to interfere with awards, they required the land-holders to bring forward respectable business men and real estate owners to make affidavits of the value of the property to be assessed and damaged. Some of these persons, he said, were hired by the tools of the Ring to make false affidavits and extravagant valuations. He knew of one man who was paid $1,000 and another $500, to make such perjured statements. Some of the affidavits cannot be found at present, and in view of their disappearance the indignant tax-payer suggests that it is advisable to make the following query to the leaders of the Ring: What is the cause of the great difficulty in getting at affidavits relating to valuations of property at the office of the Broadway Widening Commission?

In connection with the dénouement of the Broadway villainy, there are indications that there will soon be disclosures of still greater and more stupendous "jobs" on the part of the Ring. Some of the latter have already been consummated, and others are, as yet, only in embryo.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

The annual Day of Prayer was observed at the Rutgers Female College, yesterday, on which occasion a sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. THURSTON, of Stamford. Taking for an example the character of Queen Esther, he urged upon the young ladies the duty of being prepared for their life-work, and exhorted them to beware of the frivolity so common among many of their sex. Rev. REEZ N. MARTIN also took part in the exercises.

Six years ago, Mr. and Mrs. HARTELL, of No. 206 East Thirty-fifth-street, entered the bonds of matrimony. Affairs went smoothly till last week, when Mr. HARTELL left his wife, and went to live with a girl named ELIZA MILLER, at a Mrs. MARY KOOPMAN'S, No. 109 West Twenty-fifth-street. Mrs. HARTELL discovered his retreat, and yesterday had Mrs. KOOPMAN, ELIZA MILLER and a daughter-in-law of Mrs. KOOPMAN arrested, and brought up in the Jefferson Market Police Court, where Mrs. KOOPMAN was held in $300 for keeping a disorderly house. The Judge fined ELIZA $10, and ordered her to furnish $300 for good behavior. She went to prison.

At a meeting of the Lincoln Club, held last evening at No. 97 Union-square, D. D. CONOVER presiding, resolutions of regret and condolence for the death of Mr. JAMES H. ANDERSON, of Thirty-sixth-street and Eighth-avenue, were adopted. Mr. ANDERSON was an active member of the Club, and was President of the Twenty-first Assembly District Union Republican Association. His funeral, which will take place, at 11 o'clock, from the Thirteenth-street Episcopal Church, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, will be attended by the members of the Lincoln Club in a body. The remains will be interred in Green-Wood Cemetery.

The French Comité de Defense Nationale of this City, of which M. C. PELLETIER is the President, has forwarded to M. ADOLPHE CRÉMIEUX, of the late French National Assembly, the sum of $608 86, in a draft on Messrs. CAYLUS, DE RUTTEN & Co., to be applied in aid of the sufferers in France. The amount included $245 85, contributed by the French Committee at Trinidad, $100 by Mr. TARDY, at Paterson, N. J.; $45 received from Scranton, by M. JULES WEIL, and $24 from Trenton, by M. CRELIER.

The subscriptions received at the office of the *Courrier des États Unis* in aid of the suffering population of France, during the past week, amounted to $651 50, making, with the previous amounts, a total of $24,297 05. The subscriptions of the past week include $837 75 received from the French Committee at Montgomery, Ala.; $200 contributed by the Society Les Amis de la Gaîté, of this City; $165 by the Société Mutuelle Française, of Ottawa, Ill.; $38 by the French Committee at White Pine, Lycoming County, Penn., and $32, the amount of a private subscription at Ottawa, Ill.

The Magnus Gross Literary and Social Association of the City of New-York held their regular meeting at Germania Hall last evening, at 8 P. M., at No. 359 Third-avenue, Col. HENRY LUX presiding. A. LANDSMANN, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported in favor of procuring a lecturer for a future meeting. Hon. Martin Neikiman, Max Moses, Hermann Steinmermann, John W. Crump, Dr. J. T. Nagle, Jacob A. Weil and Josiah Carpenter addressed the meeting. Hon. OSWALD OTTENDORFER, editor of the *Staats Zeitung*, was elected an honorary member of the Association.

The French Canadian Union Club, formed some months since with a view of agitating the question of a union of Canada with the United States, will hold a reunion at Masonic Hall this evening, when Mr. GEO. BATCHELOR will deliver an address on the subject. The day being the anniversary of the French revolution in 1848, several French orators will be introduced to the assembly. A French-Canadian demonstration of an imposing character is in preparation, which is to come off at Apollo Hall, in Twenty-eight-street, the 24th of next month.

CURTIS and SWIFT, the renowned champions, are to have a grand skating match this evening at BRADY'S Rink, Jersey City. The match will be conducted according to the rules of the American Skating Congress, and no doubt will attract an immense assemblage, as this is their first and last appearance in the neighborhood of this City this season. Subsequent to the match Messrs. CURTIS and SWIFT will perform the comic act of "Tootles," and the "Parrot," "Swell" and the inimitable "Giraffe" act.

PATRICK RYAN, JAMES RYAN and JOHN FLYNN, all of Destrosse-street, and under twelve years of age, were caught yesterday morning by Officers HUNTSINGER and COOK in the store of BUSCHMANN & STEIGMAN, No. 208 Greenwich-street, they having forced an entrance by opening the fanlight over the door leading to the street. In the store was $10,000 worth of groceries, &c., which the affidavit states the boys attempted to steal, and they were therefore all held to answer the charge of burglary.

The Society of the Cincinnati, at their WASHINGTON'S birthday anniversary celebration, at Delmonico's, on Wednesday evening, was presided over by Major-Gen. ROSECRANS, in the absence of the President, Hon. HAMILTON FISH. An inadvertent transposition of names in the TIMES report, yesterday, placed another gentleman (erroneously) in the chair. State engagements alone prevented Secretary FISH's attendance.

GEORGE BAUMAN, a German, aged twenty-one years, who was struck with an ax about five weeks ago by THOMAS MCGRATH, during a quarrel at No. 417 West Thirty-fifth-street over a game of dice, died yesterday at Bellevue Hospital from the effects of the injuries received. MCGRATH was committed on Tuesday at Jefferson Market Court Prison for assault, but will now be held to await the action of the Coroner on the charge of homicide.

THOMAS SCHMIDT, tinsmith, of Broome-street, was arrested, yesterday morning, in the Sixth Ward, having in his possession a quantity of plumber's tools, worth $60. Subsequently it was ascertained that the plumbers' store of CHARLES CHEVALIER, No. 82 Sixth-avenue, had been broken open the previous night, and the tools abstracted. Officer SCHMIDT was therefore held for the robbery.

Mr. GEO. MOORE had a horse, cart and contents, worth in all $1,000, standing yesterday near No. 416 Broadway, when GEORGE BROWN, aged nineteen, of No. 41 Crosby-street, jumped into the cart and drove off. BROWN was pursued and when he saw this, he leaped from the cart, but he was caught by an officer as soon as he reached the ground. Justice HOGAN held the prisoner for trial.

What is called a Washington Festival, comprising music, vocal and instrumental, refreshments and dancing, was given last evening by Hope Lodge No. 12, I. O. G. T., at Bethel Grand-street. There was a goodly attendance of the "bravest and fairest" of both sexes, who were treated to smiles garnished by plasters from the beginning until the end of this enjoyable entertainment.

Mr. DICKERSON'S lecture to-night promises to be very attractive to those who love the marvelous. The infinitesimal things of earth are a wonderful fund of study for any one. Many of these will be shown by the use of photographs thrown on canvass and magnified many thousand times. The title of the lecture is "The Wonders of the Microscope."

JAMES HARPER, of Jersey City, who was accused of passing counterfeit currency a few days ago, was discharged by Commissioner SHIELDS, yesterday, it being shown by his counsel, Mr. EDWARD J. O'REILLEY, that he was a respectable man, and that he was ignorant of the character of the money.

A full report of the proceedings of the Farmers' Club of the American Institute, including a paper by Dr. TRIMBLE, containing some valuable statistics for farmers; a paper by Mr. H. LORRADE on "Wages for Farm Laborers;" and an interesting article on "Noxious American Trees," by Mr. CHARLES MOHAN, will be found in the SEMI-WEEKLY TIMES, ready this morning.

EDWARD G. TULLY, of No. 22 Seventh-avenue, while in Broome-street last evening, near Wooster, attempted to commit suicide with a five-barrel revolver, but in consequence of holding the weapon in a diagonal position the ball merely entered the scalp without perforating the skull. The wound having been dressed, he was taken home in an ambulance.

The annual ball of the Mutual Base-Ball Club takes place to-night at Irving Hall. The annual hops of this Club have always ranked among the pleasantest social gatherings of the Winter season, and we have no doubt that the present one will equal, if not surpass, all former efforts of the Club in this line.

Assistant District-Attorney EMERSON commenced a suit in the United States District Court, before Judge BLATCHFORD, yesterday, against the Ocean National Bank, to recover penalties amounting to $10,000 for having, as is alleged, made ten consecutive incorrect returns of dividends.

M. PELLETIER, of the French Committee of National Defense in this City, is in receipt of a letter of M. AD. CRÉMIEUX, of the late French Government at Bordeaux, acknowledging the receipt of a remittance to the amount of 16,800 francs from the above-named Committee.

MARY BELMONT, aged twenty-four, residing at No. 229 Broome-street, while lighting a lamp last evening, accidentally set her clothes on fire, and was dangerously burned on the head, arms and body. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital in a supposed dying condition.

BRIDGET MAY last evening, by mistake, took a dose of concentrated carbolic acid for medicine, at No. 22 New Chambers-street, and died from the effects. The acid had been left by the Board of Health for purifying purposes, but without a label, hence the fatal mistake.

A. T. STEWART & Co. who have a branch house in Philadelphia, have given $1,000 for the purpose of supplying a reading-room for young men, to be connected with Bethany Sabbath-school, in the south-western part of that city.

CHRISTIAN WEIMER, of No. 206 Bleecker-street, who was committed on Wednesday by Justice HOGAN for intoxication, died the same night in the City Prison. Coroner YOUNG was notified to investigate the facts of the case.

JEREMIAH SMITH, residing at No. 175 Monroe-street, while passing the corner of Broadway and Fulton-street, yesterday afternoon, was struck in the back by the shaft of a cart, and seriously injured. He was taken to Centre-street Hospital.

Mrs. L——, the missionary, will please call at the TIMES Office, and get a subscription of $5, just received from a correspondent, for the relief of the poor family in Stanton-street.

BROOKLYN.

The impossibility of reclaiming some persons from vice was strikingly illustrated in the Court of Sessions, yesterday, by the case of a burglar named JOHN SHERMAN. He, it appears, was arrested about three months ago on a charge of burglary, but the evidence against him not being conclusive he was acquitted. Judge TROY, noted for his excellent heart, finding that the man was poverty-stricken, gave him $10, coupled with some sound advice, urging him to shun the evil companions who had thrown the shade of crime around him. Deeply moved by the Judge's generosity he wept, and declared it to be his intention to lead a strictly honest life. No more was heard of him until yesterday, when he was seen brought up charged with burglary. The evidence was conclusive, and after referring to the ingratitude of his conduct, the Judge sent him to the State Prison for four years.

The inaugural ceremonies of International Division, No. 37, S. of T., were celebrated on Wednesday evening, at Continental Hall, Fourth-street, Williamsburg. The opening prayer was made by Rev. Dr. CARROLL, of the Lee-avenue Reformed Church. Addresses were delivered by Rev. G. W. A. RAND, of Yonkers; Rev. J. HEATH SMITH, of Lee-avenue Baptist Church, and F. G. W. A. CURTIS, of International Division. Brother CURTIS explained the peculiar features of the new Division, but of which is that instead of seeing its members only on regular weekly meeting-nights, it will keep its reading-rooms open every evening in the week, and will hold a public temperance meeting every Sunday evening. The ceremonies and addresses were varied by a programme containing appropriate selections of instrumental and vocal music. The hall was handsomely decorated with floral wreaths, flags, &c.

The Board of Police Commissioners met yesterday, and passed a resolution severely censuring all members of the Police force who have attempted in any way to have their pay advanced by the Legislature. This has, of course, special reference to the poor patrolmen who, having but $1,000 cannot see why, the people being willing, a slight advance should not be made. The Commissioners themselves have $6,000 per annum, but want it increased to $8,000. They, however, require no petition to have that done.

CHARLES HUDRE, arrested in Williamsburg on Sunday last, on suspicion of being the mysterious assassin who has of late been so much to throw that section of the city into consternation, was honorably discharged by Justice VOORHIS, yesterday, there being no evidence whatever against him.

The total profits on the Charity ball which took place on Thursday of last week, in the Academy of Music, amounted to $2,017. The result is considered satisfactory, and the Committee of Management express themselves as specially grateful to the public Press for the assistance given them.

In the Court of Sessions, yesterday, Judge TROY sentenced MICHAEL BAKER and PATRICK MANNING to two years' imprisonment for burglary. JAMES EAGAN was sent up for one year for stealing clothing.

In the United States Court, yesterday, Judge BENEDICT imposed a fine of $200, coupled with six months' imprisonment, upon ALFRED FORTER, for violating the Revenue law by selling unstamped cigars.

LONG ISLAND.

The bill which was introduced in the Legislature by Senator FRENCH for cutting a canal through Astoria, is one of those schemes which, if carried through, would be an outrage on the public surpassing even the famous Blackwells Island bridge villainy. The canal would be over half a mile in length, cutting through the most valuable part of the Fourth Ward of Long Island City, and leaving a large part of the remaining part of the ward an island. Even if the scheme were practicable, the operations of the Government, which would be completed long before the 100,000 cubic yards of rock could be removed, which must be done before the canal could be finished, would render it useless. The fact that the Cities of New-York and Brooklyn are to pay nearly four-fifths of the capital called for, and probably all the money actually paid, stamps the transaction as a swindle.

On Sunday night, an indigent citizen of College Point was ejected from a train on the Flushing and North-side Railroad. He entered the depot at Flushing just as the conductor was signaling the engineer to move on, and had no time to get a ticket. He gave the conductor five cents, which is the regular fare, but the latter demanded ten cents. This the passenger refused to give him, and the train was stopped for the purpose of putting him off. Being lame, he was assisted in descending by Superintendent BURLEY. The distance he desired to go was but a mile.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of Flushing, a remonstrance was sent to the Legislature against removing the Town Hall. A bill has been introduced in the Senate removing the control of the building from the Board of Trustees to the Board of Auditors, consisting of Justices and the Supervisors. The bill was introduced in the interest of a constable who is anxious to retain the position of keeper of the building, to which, it is understood, a new man was soon to be appointed.

On Wednesday evening the Sewanaka Light Guards of Whitestone gave a grand calico dress ball, at Freygang's Hall, at which a large delegation from Harlem, Yorkville, Flushing, Westchester, College Point and New-York were present.

The ministers of Jamaica are very despondent in consequence of their inability to organize a Christian association. They advertised widely, presumed preaching, praying and singing, but the people could not be fastened to pew-bottoms, and the undertaking was abandoned.

NEW-JERSEY.

Yesterday morning, a woman named ANASTASIA GALVIN died after a few hours illness, at her residence, in Hoboken, and, in consequence of the swollen and discolored appearance the body assumed after death, suspicions were aroused and Coroner BURNS was notified. He viewed the body, and announced his intention to hold an inquest. The physician who attended her states that he is in doubt about the disease. She was out shopping on Wednesday. Deceased leaves a husband and three children.

While some laborers were digging a mound on the lands of ELI THOMPSON, at Lyons' Farms, a few days ago, and when they had descended about a dozen feet, they discovered the foundation of a chimney, and subsequently a portion of a cellar. In and about the cellar an old pan, a knife, two stone hatchets, pipes, and pieces of stone plates, with the brand of two arrows on the under side, and a rocket broad stone, like a door-step, were stripped. Another strange incident of the discovery is, that the bells in it filled with loamy soil, while the surrounding earth, and in fact the entire hill, is full gravel. No person in the neighborhood has any recollection of a house ever having been there.

WM. TREADWELL was arrested in Jersey City, late on Wednesday night, on a charge of passing a counterfeit $20 bill at HARSHAW'S stationery store. After the charge had been made TREADWELL paid KARSHAW $20, and the latter promised to withdraw the complaint, but United States Commissioner MOORHEAD refused to countenance such an arrangement, and accepted TREADWELL under $2,000 bail to appear on Monday for examination. TREADWELL asserts he was not aware the bill was bogus.

Star Council No. 49, of the United Order of American Mechanics, gave their first grand annual celebration at Odd-fellows' Hall, Hoboken, last night. Extraordinary measures were taken to make the entertainment of more than usual interest, and the hall was crowded to its utmost extent at during the center part of the evening, numbers were unable to gain an entrance. An address was delivered by Hon. HORACE GREELEY.

A little daughter of J. SEVINSON, a brakeman on the New-Jersey Railroad, was burned to death at Rahway on Wednesday night, unknown to the mother, who was attending to the household duties in the kitchen. The child was about five years old, and scrambled upstairs to a room in which there was a stove, and it is supposed her clothes caught fire.

In the United States District Court, at Trenton, yesterday, argument was commenced in the case of FRANCIS SOUDER, one of the convicted Camden rioters, but after a short consultation between counsel, it was agreed to submit the case upon briefs to the Court, who would, after consideration, render his decision on the matter.

The coal famine in Newark still continues, and it is reported that the dealers have only coal enough on hand to last ten days. The rise in the price an enormous quantity has been sold to people who fear a prolonged scarcity. The price is about $12 a ton.

Police Officer THOMAS MCSWEENEY, attached to the Third Precinct of the Jersey City Police force, died on Wednesday evening, after a short illness. He served in the old New-York Sixty-sixth, and was severely wounded at the fight at the Bull Run.

A small building attached to the Patent Tannery, at Bloomfield, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday afternoon. It was filled with tanning material, and the dense smoke created the impression that the fire was more extensive. Loss about $700.

ROBERT SHERMAN, an employe of THOMAS HEANEY, a Newark coal dealer, was sent to deliver a load, and failed to return. An investigation proved that he had sold his load, fastened his horse to a post, and taken the first train to New-York.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—American Securities opened quiet and closed quiet. Stocks closed firm. The course of the market during the day is indicated by the following table:

	11½ A. M.	1½ P. M.	4½ P. M.
Consols for money	92	92⅛	92
Consols for account	92	92⅛	92
U. S. 5-20s, 1862	91	91¼	91
U. S. 5-20s, 1865, old	89⅞	....	89⅞
U. S. 5-20s, 1867	91¼	....	91¼
U. S. 10-40s	87⅞	....	87⅞
Ill. Cent. Railroad Shares	103½	....	103½
Erie Railroad Shares	14⅞	15⅛	15⅛
Atl. & Gt. W. R. R. Shares	23	....	22½

The weekly bank statement published today shows that the amount of bullion in vault is £22,000 sterling less than last Thursday.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 23.—United States Bonds are quoted at 84@84¼.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 23—4 P. M.—COTTON—The market opened quiet and closed dull, both on spot and to arrive. Middling Uplands opened and closed at 7½d, and Orleans at 7¾d. The sales of the day have been 10,000 bales, including 1,000 to export and speculation. PROVISIONS—The market is dull.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—LINSEED-OIL. £31 10s. @ £32 15s. TURPENTINE, 40s. @ 42s. CLOVERSEED, 58s. 6d. @ 60s. 6d. P cwt., for American Red.

MOVEMENTS OF COTTON.—LIVERPOOL, Feb. 23.—Arrived ship Sara, from New-York Dec. 31, with 440 bales of cotton; ship Rosalpin, from Galveston Jan. 12, with 3,045 bales; arrived yesterday steamer Tiber, from New-York Feb. 5, with 2,188 bales; and today ship *Lydia Stolfield*, from Mobile Jan. 19, with 3,409 bales.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 23.—COTTON quiet and firm; Middling, 14c. Receipts, 24 bales; exports, coastwise, 70 bales; sales, 25 bales; stock, 1,295 bales. FLOUR weaker but moving at the inside figures; Howard-Street Superfine, $5 50@$5 75; Extra, $6@$6 25; Family, $7@$7 50; City Mills Superfine, $5 75@$7 25; do. Extra, $8 @$8 25; do. Family, $9 50@$11; Western Superfine, $5 50@$6; do. Extra, $6@$7 25; do. Family, $7 25@$8 50. WHEAT dull except for choice lots, which are in demand; Western Winter, $1 40@$1 45; Western red, $1 30@$1 35; prime to choice Red, $1 40@$1 50; Amber, $1 50@$1 60. CORN—White dull and lower; Yellow quiet and firm; Western White, 80c.; Western Yellow, 81@82c. OATS